#### Iran expels 2 W. German diplomats

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran said Tuesday two West German diplomats are being expelled in retaliation for a West German television mocking Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Iran's official news agency reported. The Islamic Republic News Agency said the two diplomats, who were not identified, were ordered to leave Tehran within 72 hours. "The decision was made by the Iranian Foreign Ministry following a broadcast on West Germany's national telential network, mocking Islam and the leader of the Islamic revolution. Imam Khomeini," the agency said. West German Ambassador Armui rreitag was summoned to the Foreign Ministry and "handed a strongly worded protest note on the insulting programme," together with the expulsion order, IRNA added, Juergen Chrobog, spokesman for Bonn's Foreign Ministry, confirmed the two diplomats were being thrown out. "We regret the decision of the Iranian government," be added. The diplomatic row developed over a skit on the prime-time Rudi Carrell comedy show, one of the country's most popular TV programmes, oo West Germany's ARD network. The 14-second lampoon used camera tricks to make exultant womeo appear 10 be throwing their underwear at Khomeini's feet.



#### Soviets make shift on chemicals

GENEVA (R) - The Soviet Union on Tuesday agreed to disclose the locations of its chemical arms stockpiles, marking a major shift in sition at multi-national negotiations aimed at banning such weapons. position at multi-national negotiations aimed at panning such weapons. Chief Soviet negotiator Yuri Nazarkine told a 40-nation disarmament conference that Moscow also accepted a long-standing American proposal for international on-site verification of declared chemical arms stocks. He called for each state io an eventual treaty to make a detailed declaration of locations of stockpiles and storage facilities on its territory, or elsewhere under its control, within 30 days of a convention's entry into force. Moscow has refused in the past to provide such information and Western diplomats described the move as a major shift in position. The diplomats said it was the closest the Kremlin has come during the long-running negotiations to admitting to the existence of Soviet chemical weapons. Western military analysts estimated Moscow has some 200,000 to 500,000 tonoes of modern chemical arms, including storage depots at 32 sites in East bloc countries.

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#### Taxiowners elect association officials

AMMAN (J.T.) — Deputy Governor Ghaleh Izmeqna announced on Tuesday results of elections for the Jordanian Taxiowners Association which took place Monday. The Al Tadamon (solidarity) bloe secured 12 out of 17 seats of the association board and the rest of seats went to Al Diffatain (Two Banks) bloc while the remaining seat was won by an independent candidate. A total of 1,000 voters out of 6,416 registered members of the association voted in the one-day election which was supervised by officials from the governor's office, the Ministry of Labour and Social Development and the Public Security Department.

#### Czech team arrives

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation from Czechoslovakia beaded hy the deputy to the minister of external trade arrived bere Tuesday on a four-day visit. During the visit the delegation will hold talks with senior Jordanian officials on Jordanian-Czeeh cooperation in the field of economy and trade. The delegation will also visit touristic sites in the

#### Gemayel in Paris

PARIS (AP) - Lebanese President Amin Gemayel arrived in Paris Tuesday for an official visit of two days during which he is scheduled to meet with President Francois Mitterrand and Premier Jacques Chirac. France is the third stop on a trip that already has taken the Lebanese president to Brussels and London.

#### Gorbachev begins **Baltic tour**

MOSCOW (R) - Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Tuesday began a tour of the Soviet Baltie, a politically sensitive area but one which has set an example for economie changes be is trying to introduce nationwide. TASS news agency said he had arrived in Riga, capital of Latvia, and Moscow Radio said he would go on later to the neighbouring republics of Estonia and Lithuania.

#### Webb may succeed Lehman

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WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House has chosen a highly decorated Vietnam veteran to be next secretary of the navy, sources said Tuesday. James H. Webh, 40, bad announced Feh. 2 he was resigning as assistant secretary for reserve affairs to return to private life as a novelist.

#### Roadside bomb kills 3 in S. Lebanon

KIRYAT SHMONA (R) -Three Lebanese were killed and four wounded in a roadside bomb explosion on Tuesday inside fsrael's self-declared "security zone" in South Lebanon, Israeli sources said. Israel Radio reported they were driving to their jobs in Israel when the blast occurred near the town of Bint

#### Zia to visit India

NEW DELHI (AP) - India announced on Tuesday that Pakistani President Zia Ul Haq will arrive Saturday to watch a cricket match, and officials said Mr. Zia and Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi also would hold talks to further defuse tensions on their

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# Berri orders end to

#### siege of Beirut camps DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Lebanon's Shi'ite Muslim leader Nabih Berri said Tuesday he had ordered his Amal militia to lift its four-month siege of Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut from Wednesday.

Mr. Berri told a news conference in Damascus he had ordered the Amal political leadership and military command to "take the necessary measures to implement this decision as from tomorrow

morning." "I announce the lifting of the siege of Palestinian camps in Beirut and its southern suburbs." Mr. Berri said.

He said he had taken his decision "hoping that the Palestinians will in turn lift the siege of South Lehanon and withdraw from positions they occupied east of

He made only a passing reference to the beleaguered Rashidiyeh camp in South Lebanon, where Amal reimposed a hlockade on Tuesday after a one-day re-

Mr. Berri said he had instructed his aides that measures for lifting the siege of the Beirut camps "should be in line with the steps taken in Rashidiyeh

BETRUT (Agencies) - Fierce

street battles raged into a third

day in west Beirut on Tuesday and police said at least 21 people

were killed, another 100 were

wounded and dozens of buildings

The fighting frustrated efforts

to locate missing Anglican church

ped two American Muslim en-

voys trying to help win freedom

for 26 other foreign hostages at

It also brought to a standstill

attempts to send U.N. food sup-

plies to the bungry population of

the besieged refugee camps of

Bourj Al Barajneb and Shatila.

Police said 'relative calm pre-vailed around both sbantytowns

because all parties are preoccu-

Fresh fighting flared in front of

the seven-storey huilding housing the offices of AP, the U.S., CBS

and NBC television networks and

the Kuwaiti Al Qabas newspaper

in Nimeb Yafeth street at

At least four bullets pierced

into the AP's fourth-floor office,

shattering window glass and pun-

ching holes in curtains. But none

of the trapped staff was injured.

pied with the Beirut conflict."

burned out of control.

their hotel.

This was an apparent reference to the Amal decision to open Rashidiyeh for five hours a day from Monday.

Amal sources in South Lebanon, however, said they had reimposed a blockade of the camp after an overnight elash when militiamen intercepted a group of about 10 Palestinians creeping out of it under cover of

Mr. Berri said the lifting of the siege on the Beirut camps meant full freedom of movement into and out of the camps and free entry of food and medical sup-

Thousands of refugees in the Bourj Al Barajneh and Shatila camps in southern Beirut have faced starvation during the But Mr. Berri made it clear his

men would keep a close watch out for heavy weapons entering the camps

battles continue; 21 killed

from the streets.

homes and forcing a Syrian-back-

Witnesses said leftists and

tled back and forth from the

The two sides blasted away

seafront to suburbs close to the

with mortars, anti-tank grenades

and beavy machineguns, despite

several ceasefire appeals broad-

An angry housewife commented: "God get rid of them (gunmen) all. We can't take it

anymore. Can't they see what they are doing to us?"

in Beirut's western sector since

Syrian commandos and observers

deployed there last July to belp

Lehanese security forces to end

officials to an emergency meeting

late Monday night, but battles

still raged from street to street.

WASHINGTON (Agencies) —

Casey, pledged Tuesday to inform quickly President Reagan

and Congress of all key intelli-

gence matters - good and bad.

hesitate neither to present unwel-

come news nor say what I think to

policymakers or to Congress,"

Mr. Gates told the Senate Intelli-

gence Committee at the start of his confirmation hearing.

But, in a 12-page opening statement, Mr. Gates made no

direct reference to the Iran arms

"I can assure you that I will

Syrian observers called militia

mm machineguns and packed months.

It was the most serious violence

city's greenline divide.

cast by local radios.

militia gun-law.

He said his decision to lift the

guerrilla groups who had en-dorsed Iranian and Syrian peace initiatives.

Palestinian siege in South Lebanon apparently concerned fighting between Amal and Palestinian fighters loyal to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for control of a strategie village commanding the coastal highway from Beirut to the south.

When the Palestinian withdrawal is completed, both sides will sit down for talks on future Lehanese-Palestinian relations," Mr. Berri told the news confer-

Amal has accused Mr. Arafat of seeking to rehuild his power-base in Lehanon after he was forced to withdraw from Lebanon in 1982. Mr. Arafai has accused Syrian-hacked groups of trying to force Palestinians from the

In Tunis Mr. Arafat said Monday night Amal was still trying to starve and shell the camps in Beirut and South Lebanon into

submission.

He said 15 tonnes of flour supplied to Bourj Al Barajneh last week were already exhausted. Palestinian women join fight in

siege was in response to the posi- besieged camp, page 2 **Fierce Amal-Commu** 

but heavy fire forced the joint

Amai issued a statement accus-

ing the Druze-led Progressive

non's pro-Soviet Communist

Beirut's Muslim and leftist

militias are loosely allied against

right-wing forces in east Beirut

but are deeply divided along reli-

The fighting was apparently sparked by an Amal-Communist

feud over the opening of a new Amal office in Sanaych district. Eight people were killed and 28

wounded in the initial flare-up on

"Yesterday, Amal tried to

occupy a Communist Party office

near the Arab University and the

Communists retaliated hy trying

to gain control of new areas," one

Many smaller, leftist groups

had been thrown on the defensive

by a resurgence of Shi ite military

notify the congressional intelli-

Mr. Gates told the televised

hearing Mr. Reagan gave him

clear instructions when he offered

him the post after Mr. Casey resigned following surgery last

December for a hrain tumour.

when he offered the position to me were clear and direct," he

said. "He told me that he wants

"The president's instructions

resident said.

Armoured cars carrying 14.5 and political power in recent

Gates promises disclosure

Robert Gates, nominated to head gence panels of all covers activi-

the Central Intelligence Agency fies in a timely fashion, as re-(CIA) to succeed ailing William quired by 'w.

gious and political lines.

The savage fighting paralysed with militiamen patrolled several

west Beirut, trapping terrified re- areas shortly after dawn in a bid

sidents in their bullet-scarred to persuade gunmen to withdraw,

Shi'ite Amal militiamen, distinguished from each other by the the battle on the side of Leba

Party.

ed security force to withdraw security force to withdraw.

#### N. Yemeni message Bilateral panel opens meetings AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty meeting. Wine Hussein on Tuesday confer Dr. Iryani and Mr. Masri also Dr. Iryani and Mr. Masri also red with North Yemeni Deputy

His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday receives North Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Iryani

King receives

Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Iryani who conveyed to the King a message from Colonel Ali Abdul-lah Saleh, North Yemen's presi-

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said that the message dealt with the situation in the Middle East region, bilateral relations and cooperation between Jordan and North Yemen.

The andience was attended by Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri. Earlier on Tuesday, Dr. Iryani was received by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan with whom he discussed bilateral relations and means of promoting cooperation between the two

Mr. Masri and North Yemen's Ambassador to Jordan Ali Abdullah were present. at. the

held talks at the Foreign Ministry during which they reviewed Jordanian-North Yemeni relations and economic, social and cultural cooperation. The two ministers were leading their respective sides of the joint Jordanian-Yemeni committee, formed

during King Hussein's visit to North Yemen in 1985. The committee discussed means of overcoming obstacles that could impede the development of bilateral cooperation in the future, according to Petra.

The agency said the Jordanian side comprised the secretaries general of the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Planning and the Ministry of Education and the under-secretaries of the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Ministry of Health and Jordan's

#### King meets Spanish defence minister By Rana Sabbagh

Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein received Spanish Defence Minister Marcis Serra on Tuesday and discussed with bim the Middle East situation as well as prospects for defence cooperation between the two countries,

sources close to the meeting said. The afternoon meeting at Al Nadwa Palace was preceded by a

Serra by King Hussein, the

sources said. Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and Chief-of-Staff Lieutenant-General Fathi Abu Taleh formed the Jordanian side to the meeting at the King's palace, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

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His Majesty King Hussein receives Spanish Defence Minister Marcis Serra on Tuesday (Petra photo)

#### U.S. to play down Iran affair during Shamir visit WASHINGTON (R) - Presi- sion, and we do not hlame

dent Ronald Reagan and his key aides will try to keep the Iran senior U.S. official said Tuesday.

The talks are designed to focus on Middle East peace prospects and how the United States and Israel "must deal with the Soviet threat" to the region, the official told reporters shortly after Mr.

tion of anonymity, stressed Mr. Reagan's decision in January ments to Iran was an American

drawn up at the time of the decision says Israel suggested the arms sales, but Israeli officials bave claimed they did not propose the idea.

"We have made clear we accept responsibility for the deciIsrael," the official said. The official said he was sure the arms affair, as well as the

cials during Mr. Shamir's visit. Mr. Shamir has said he intends to try to make two points clearing during his visit: arming Iran was a U.S. idea, and Israel had nothing to do with the secret fund for Nicaraguan rebels.

an arrival eeremony at the Washington Monument and a brief, initial meeting with Secretary of State George Shultz.

warm reception from President Reagan and senior administration

Iran-contra scandal.

# Palestinian girl

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank in Beirut. (Agencies) — Four Israelis and a teenage Palestinian girl were injured Tuesday in the ninth consecutive day of violent protests in the occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip. The Israelis were hurt in two incidents of stone-throwings at Israeli huses outside the West Bank town of Tulkarm and in Dhahirya, further south near Hehron. Police said two Arahs were arrested.

In the Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis, an Israeli policeman shot a 16-year-old Palestinian girl in the leg after he came under a harrage of stones, a military spokesman

The spokesman hlamed the wave of violence on Palestinian anger over the plight of Palesti-

Tensions also have been high in Gaza over Israel's expulsion last month of Mohammad Dahlan, a suspected Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) activist.

Israeli officials said an American history teacher at the Birzeit University near Ramallah was arrested during a demonstration on Monday.

The academie, Rober Heacock of Philadelphia, is in custody and expected to be charged soon. The U.S. consulate in Jerusalem declined to discuss the case with

Birzeit students beld a peaceful protest march on Tuesday.

In Hehron, large groups of high-spirited high school pupils filled pavements near schools in areas where clashes took place nian refugees in besieged camps with Israeli troops on Saturday.

## 3-day meeting of joint committee allocates funds

AMMAN (Petra) - The Joint of a decision by the Kuwait govto support the steadfastness of the Palestinians living in the occupied territories coneluded a three-day meeting at the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs on Tuesday. The meeting reviewed a report on areas where available funds could be allocated, especially for priority projects, a ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman said the committee also reviewed its financial situation in the light of a recent contribution of \$9.5 million from Saudi Arahia. The contribution was the third Saudi instalment of

aid for the year 1985, the spokes-

Jordanian-Palestinian committee ernment to pay \$5 million to the higher council in charge of universities in the occupied territories. The committee decided to allocate various sums within the means available to it for various projects, both pending as well as those which require priority, related to boosting the steadfastness of the Palestinian people. the spokesman said. The Feb. 15-17 meeting was

the 35th in a series of sessions that the committee held since its

Development programmes are part of continuing assistance to occupied territories, Dudin ex-The committee also took note plains, page 3

## Iraqi leaders review situation on warfront

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein presided over a 5-1/2-hour meeting of his top military aides Monday night to review the situation in the war with Iran.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) gave no details of the talks, attended by memhers of the general command of the armed forces. Defence Minister Adnan Khairallah and the minister of state for military affairs, General Abdul Jahhar Shanshal.

Diplomats say Iran has massed hundreds of thousands of regular army and volunteer troops for a major offensive in marshlands east of Misan province in south-

Neither Baghdad nor Tehran has given details for the past two weeks on fighting further to the south where an Iranian offensive last month was apparently halted east of the city of Basra. People in Basra told Reuters

hy telephone on Tuesday that

intensive Iranian artillery shelling over the past 24 hours killed or wounded dozens of civilians. Iraqi war communique put Monday's casualty figure in Bas-

ra, Iraq's second city with a population of one million, at 21 people dead or injured.

Basra to Baghdad said he saw at least a dozen trucks loaded with furniture heading north towards the Iraqi capital, but life in the city appeared normal.

Iraq said its warplanes carried

A diplomat who drove from

out raids Monday night on the city of Tabriz in northern Iran and the western towns of Dezful and Pol-e Dohkhtar. First Deputy Prime Minister

Taha Yassin Ramadan said Iraq would double its strikes on Iranian cities and on oil and industrial installations until Tehran was forced to abandon the war, now in its seventh year.

Mr. Ramadan, in an interview with INA, said the war was heightening divisions within the Islamic government of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

A continuation of the conflict "would increase the already existing state of disintegration among the Iranian people who suffered for long under the Khomeini regime," he said.

Mr. Ramadan said Iraq would continue to "destroy the enemy's economy and war machine and step up strikes at Iranian cities and oil installations." Iraq has recently stepped up its air hlitz.

#### Peres: U.S. and Israeli stands could ruin chances for peace TEL AVIV (AP) — Foreign nional conference," Mr. Peres

Minister Shimon Peres suggested said. Tuesday that Israel and the United States may he ruining order to enter negotiations they chances for Middle East peace have to have a sort of premiere of talks by rejecting Arab calls for an international conference. Although such a conference

reason to kill the chicken that may lay the egg in the future. I wouldn't be so trigger-happy in doing so." Mr. Peres spoke to 100 Amer-

can Jewish fundraisers while Israel's right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir was in Washington for meetings with President Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Shamir said before leaving he would stress to U.S. administration officials that he was opposed to an international conference.

"Israel as well as the United States declared separately and jointly that we shall not agree to see the Russians at an interna-

But Arah states "feel that in

an opening occasion by an inter-national conference," he added. "I'm convinced that if we shall seems a distant prospect, Mr. say no to the peace process right Peres said, "this is not a good now, we shall kill it." In a satellite television inter-

view last month, U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz backed Israel's objections to an international conference at which the Soviets would be given a role. Israel's multi-party coalition government is divided on the

conference issue.

Mr. Peres said he agreed with Israeli and U.S. conditions that the Soviet Union renew the ties it ruptured with Israel in 1967 and ease restrictions on Jewish emigration before the Kremlin could join peace talks.

The emigration issue is "our

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## U.S. denies switch on **ABM** treaty

WASHINGTON (R) - The Reagan administration denied Tuesday that it had proposed to Moscow moving to an inter-pretation of the Anti-Ballistie Missile (ABM) treaty that would allow extensive testing of 'Star Wars" missile defences.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorhachev said Monday the United States had made a formal proposal at the Geneva arms negotiations to move to the so-called broad interpretation of the 1972

But White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater told reporters: "The broad interpretation was

The prospect of a possible U.S. switch on the ABM treaty has alarmed America's allies and arms control proponents in Congress who see a broadened interpretation as Washington's justification to test "Star Wars" missile defences.

treaty, a position disputed by several former U.S. officials who

took part in the U.S.-Soviet

negotiations that hammered out

not a proposal at Geneva."

DUBLIN (AP) - Irisb voters flocked to the polls Tuesday in a general election that surveys predicted would end in defeat for Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald but could deny challenger Charles Haughey an outright The administration claims that a permissive interpretation is the A majority for Mr. Haughey in the 166-seat Dail, or parliament, "legally correct" reading of the

by controversy.

would mean a remarkable com-

"He also said that he expected scandal that erupted last Novem- me to come to him directly with ber, provoking Mr. Reagan's intelligence or concerns whenev-

worst political crisis.

One of the key issues in the scandal was the CIA's failure to Ireland goes to polls Defeat for Mr. Fitzgerald

> Reporters said 75 per cent of the electorate was expected to

Mr. Haughey's commanding lead in opinion polls bas been steadily eroded by Mr. Fitzgerald, who is eager to embark on eback for a politician who has a new alliance with the Progresserved two abbreviated terms as sive Democrats, founded 14 prime minister in a career dogged months ago by Fianna Fail dissident Desmond O'Malley.

his intelligence unvarnished — the good and the bad." arms dispute out of the spotlight during Israeli Prime Minister Yitinvestigation into Israeli spy Jonathan Jay Pollard, would he discussed by U.S. and Israeli offizhak Shamir's three-day visit, a

Shamir arrived in the capital. The official, speaking on condiwould probably mean his political

> 1986 to authorise U.S. arms ship-- not an Israeli - initiative. A White House document

Mr. Shamir's visit began with

He was expected to receive a

But Mr. Shamir still could face questions from some members of Congress and an American press eager to learn the origins of the

# Palestinian women join fight in besieged camp

BEIRUT (R) — Unmarried women fight in the trenches alongside the men. Children and old people chase cats and dogs for food. One man, caught in shell-fire while burying his father, spent two days in the grave with the corpse.

stories told by the 500 Palestinian left her husband behind in Bourj women and children who have Al Barajneh. fled Beirut's battered Bourj Al Barajneh Camp, hesieged for the last 16 weeks by the Shi'ite Muslim Amal milita.

"All the men are fighting ... single women fight in the trenthes along with men while the other women cook, carry ammunition and transfer the wounded to the hospital," said Amani Firawi, a 23-year-old mother of three.

Firawi, whose husband disappeared during the 1982 massacres at the Sahra and Shatila Palestinian camps in Beirut, fled Bourj Al Barajneh Monday to the relative safety of the Mar Elias Camp in West Beirul.

The refugees who fled the camp were received by Amal. which provided them with food and shelter in a school before they moved on to Mar Elias or relatives elsewhere.

There are two other besieged camps. Amal has partially lifted the siege of Rashidiych, near Tyre, allowing refugees out to shop. But in Shatila people are reported without food. Ibiisam Khalil huddled with

her two-year-old daughter in a

These are some of the harrowing school-yard in Mar Elias. She had

'The men who have been fighting for a long time were not allowed to donate blood to the wounded, only the women, because the fighters needed their

camp were blocked with huge piles of garbage and rubble from

taking advantage of any lull in the shelling to pick through mountains of refuse," she added as she waved away flies from her daugh-

children, women and old men chasing after cats and dogs in the alleyways ... Sometimes it would take us an hour to catch a cat. We used to skin the cats and dogs, cut them and then boil them ... cats tasted like mutton, Firawi said. Her five-year-old

Both women said the refugees started to eat cats about three weeks ago when all other food supplies ran out.

# France seeks to boost ties with Turkey

PARIS (R) — France and Turkey Tuesday began two days of talks aimed at upgrading relations between Paris and Ankara after several years of tension...

Turkish Foreign Minister Vahit Halefoglu and his French counterpart Jean-Bernard Raimond chaired the opening meeting of a bilateral economic commission aimed at boosting trade exchanges and joint investment pro-

Mr. Halefoglu, later due to meet Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, President Francois Mitterrand and Defence Minister Andre Giraud, is the first Turkish minister to make an official visit to France for several years.

Relations between Paris and Ankara were poor under France's 1981-86 Socialist government, seen in Turkey as heing both pro-Greek and sympathetic to Armenian reports of genocide by Turkey. France has a large community of Armenian exiles.

Relations have also been slow to recover from the effect of the 1980 coup which brought military rule to Turkey and from French disapproval of the Turkish role in Cyprus.

First moves 10 normalise relations were undertaken by Prime Minister Jacques Chirac shortly after his right-wing government took power last March. Mr. Chirac met Prime Minister Turgut Ozal in Paris in April and sent Defence Minister Andre Giraud for talks in Ankara the following

month.

France has laid the ground work for this week's visit by reassuring Greece that relations with Athens will not be sacri-ficed. Mr. Raimond visited Greece earlier this year.

French officials say there are still substantial differences between France and Turkey over Cyprus, but Paris is sympathetic to Turkey's drive to develop closcondition of anonymity under de-partmental rules, said the deer ties with the European Com-Paris is keen to boost a propos-

al hy Bouygues, France's higgest construction company, to build a tunnel linking the Asian and European parts of Istanbul under the-Bosphorus. The company suhmitted a feasibility study to the city last December. Meanwhile, the European Trade Union Confederation

(ETUC) strongly stated Monday that Turkey should not get closes to the European Community before it has restored democracy. E I UC called on memb of the EC, the Council of Europe

or long-term imprisonment at hard labour. The death penalty is

#### Kuwait seeks to train military personnel in Turkey by the Turkish chief of staff, and diplomatic sources said the Gulf Arab states were hoping to use

KUWAIT (Agencies) — Kuwait is interested in sending military personnel to Turkey, a key NATO country, for training, the Kuwait News Agency KUNA re-

Turkish Defence Minister Zeki Yavuzturk arrived in the northern Gulf emirate Monday night on a four-day visit, saying he will discuss provisional details of a military training pact.

He said the idea was raised

during a visit to Turkey last November by Kuwaiti Defence Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, who met his Turkish counterpart on arrival Monday night.

Mr. Yavuzturk's visit came on the heels of one to Saudi Arabia Turkish military know-how in upgrading the combat capabilities of their armed forces.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are linked with Qatar, the United Arah Emirates, Bahrain and Oman in a regional economic and defence alliance called the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The Kuwaiti defence minister told reporters that he would sign with his Turkish counterpart an agreement for the exchange of military expertise and training of Kuwaiti military personnel Turkish military academies.

would cover the dispatch of Inkish experts to the Gulf and the

train Kuwaitis. tries "maintain strong relations," adding "my talks with Knwaiti officials will cover co-operation in the military industries and training of Kuwaiti Armed Forces."

Sheikh Salem indicated the discussions would touch on the military situation in the Gulf and other political questions "though such topics are the speciality of politi-

Responding to a question about efforts Kuwait was making to hring the Iraq-Iran war to an end,

Arab Emirates (UAE) daily Al

Fajr newspaper resumed publica-

tion Tuesday after a 15-day sus-

pension ordered by the Informa-

tion Ministry for alleged viola-

tions of the country's press laws.

The paper, one of eight UAE dailies, said in an editorial its management had tried but failed to convince the ministry to reduce

Al Fajr did not want to discuss

the order "because it shares the

the length of the ban.

Sheikh Salem said the accord Sheikh Salem said 'we maintain good relations with both neighours and we will continue to work hard with all international efforts

On his part, Mr. Yavuzturk to bring about a cease-fire and a peaceful settlement." Turkey maintains good relations with both Baghdad and Tehran and has been active in

> settlement to the 6-year-old war. Asked about his opinion on the recent Iranian offensive into Ira-qi southern regions, which are only 80 kilometres from Kuwaiti border. Sheikh Salem said "we know that the Iranians gained a foothold in the Iraqi territory and were driven out by the Iraqis. This is

> > The paper was suspended on

Feh. 2 because of what the minis-

try termed violations of the press

laws that harmed the higher in-

Obeid Al Mazroui said earlier he

believed the ban was tied to an

article in the Feb. 1 issue which

discussed what it said was the

relative weakness of the federal

government compared to the loc-

al governments of the seven UAE

Owner and editor-in-chief

terests of the state.

the nature of war.

pan-Islamic efforts to mediate a

## Iranian rebels announce killing Khomeini aide

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) - Ira- ture" of Mujahedeen guerrillas nian anti-government guerrillas said Tuesday they shot to death the personal representative of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in the south-central city of Kerman.

The assassination of the official. Ali Iranmanesh, had been reported a day earlier by Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), which said a manhunt was under way for the

In a telex from its office in Baghdad, the People's Mujahedeen described Iranmanesh as the Friday prayer leader in Kerman and the director-general of the Provincial Education Ministry.

The exiled opposition group, the largest fighting the Islamic government, said Iranmanesh was Khomeini's representative and "one of the principal agents of suppression and war" in the

It said be was responsible for the "arrest, execution and tor-

accused of trying to smuggle mil-lions of dollars worth of heroin

into Egypt have heen arrested, a

prosecution official said Tuesday.

The official, who spoke on

tainees are believed to be part of

an "international drug-trafficking

ring" that carried out two suc-

cessful smuggling operations into

and "the forced dispatch of people, particularly students, to Khomeini's death fronts." His bodyguard also was killed

in the attack, the Mujahedeen Earlier, the group claimed it killed Jamshid Ghare Savari, the warden of the prison in the southern city of Ahvaz, last week.

ment on that claim. The Mujahedeen has reported an increase in attacks on government officials since the beginning of the month.

Iranian news media did not com-

The Iranian government has confirmed that Hadi Khamenei, the brother of President Ali Khamenei, was wounded in an attack by the Mnjahedeen last Wednesday.

Reports from the Iranian government or from anti-government groups operating in the country can seldom be independently confirmed.

authorities reported an upswing

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#### keenness of those who issued it Demjanjuk's lawyer calls proceedings a show trial

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rial said.

alleged Nazi war criminal John defence lawyer to skip testimony Demjanjuk said Tuesday that on how millions were killed in Israeli court proceedings against his client were a show trial.

Demjanjuk, born in the Ukraine and extradited from the of the 24-page indictment that United States last year, went on charges he killed hundreds of thousands of Jews at Trehlinka camp in Poland.

brutal camp guard "Ivan the Terrible" who tortured inmates and operated its gas chambers.
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TEL AVIV (R) — A lawyer for an appeal by Demjanjuk's Israeli World War II. Attorney Yoram Sheftel said

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aim is not to present them to your honours but to the 16 television He then compared the proceedings in a converted cinema

inside a Jerusalem convention war crimes trial since Adolf Eich- centre to what he called Soviet mann was tried and hanged a show trials during the rule of quarter-century ago opened with Josef Stalin.

#### Sweden threatens to pull out of U.N. force in Cyprus

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Cyprus conflict..

He added that the U.N. force

STOCKHOLM (R) - Sweden had to pay the \$15 million in Sweden contributes 395 men

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## Egypt was expected to react

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi begins a five-day visit to Egypt Wednesday for talks diplomats expect to improve relations between the two countries after two Mr. Mahdi, who took office in

May last year, will meet President Hosni Mubarak. Prime Minister Alef Sedqi and other senior Egyptian officials. His visit with a delegation that

will include four cabinet ministers follows a a flurry of official exchanges between Egypt and Sudan during the past few weeks, diplomats said. Relations came under strain

after Sudanese leader Jaafer Numeiri, a staunch ally of Cairo, was overthrown in a 1985 coup while in Egypt. Mr. Mubarak immediately granted him asylum and Egypt has rejected demands for his extradition to stand trial in Sudan

But the diplomats said Numeiri's presence in Egypt was steps taken so far to check Libyan

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lion Sudanese living and working in Egypt and ties going back to Pharaonic times, agreements and charters are hardly necessary," one Arab diplomat said. Mr. Mahdi's coalition government came to power after

Sudan's first democratic election in 17 years. Military cooperation hetween Sudan and Lihya. Cairo's chief Arah enemy, has been a source of worry to Egypt since Numeiri's overthrow, but the diplomats said

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### WHAT'S GOING ON

#### TODAY'S EVENTS **EXHIBITIONS**

An exhibition entitled "Bezdikian" French Cultural Centre Juniil

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\* Fine arts exhibition by Jordanian artists at the Royal Cultural Centre Juntil Feb. 231

\* "Fall Guy," a Japanese film at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre. \* "Alice in Den Staedten" at 8:00 p.m. at the Goethe Institute.

# LECTURE

\* "On the U.S. political agenda lot 1987/88 and the M.E." by ex-Assistant Secretary of State Michael Sterner at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

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from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amcenturies). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9,00 a.m.-\$ p.m. Year-round Tel. 651780.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a [Citadel Hi0]. Opening hours: 9,00 a.m.-5,100 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10,00 a.m. in 4,00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

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Martyra' Memorial (Military
Museum): Collection of military
memorabilia dating from the Arab
Revolt of 19th. Sports City. Amman.
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Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240. Closed Tuesdays.

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#### Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534, 817534. CHURCHES

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lich, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 771751 Amman International Church Uniterdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel 677534. Evangelical Lutheran Church Jahal Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smit). Tel. 811295

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Mahdi's Egyptian visit expected to boost ties influence but would continue to no longer a stumbling block to closely monitor developments in

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"My heart aches when I think those trapped inside," Khalif

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Sudan, diplomats said. Meanwhile Sudanese and

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"When you have over two milofficial visit to Moscow by Mr. the obstacles are.

> cotton, sorghum and other items. Sudan and the Soviet Union were close friends soon after former Numeiri took power in 1969. but relations soured after Numeiri accused Soviet-hacked Communists of trying to over-throw him in 1971. He then

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#### In Monday's opening session, undersecretary of Trade Omar Al Muharak said obstacles had cropped up delaying implementation

Mahdi. He did not specify what Nevertheless, he said, Sudan still wants to implement the agreement, which specifies trade of Soviet sugar, hutane gas cylinders and textiles for Sudanese

turned to the United States for his major support.

#### Soviet delegates have begun talks in Khartoum on implementing a trade protocol signed five months

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#### Egypt in recent months. The two women, he said, were specify their hometowns. seized at Cairo airport on Sunday as they carried six kilogrammes A British consular source said a consular official met the two (13.2 pounds) of heroin with a women on Monday and quoted street value of 6 million Egyptian them as saying they did not know pounds (\$4.5 million). The drug the elephant contained heroin.

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CAIRO (AP) — Two British not mandatory, but judges began women and four Egyptian men to mete it out in late 1985 after

four Egyptians in drug haul

elephant inlaid with mother-of-All six suspects were in custody

during investigation, but the prosecutor said charges had not yet been filed.

was secreted in a compartment

inside a decorative wooden

Under Egyptian law, drug

smnggling is punishable by death

the source added. The source, who refused to be identified by name, would not confirm the women's names or

provide other information about them, saying the women had asked that information about them not be released. FOR THE TRAVELLER

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# Lower House endorses Senate amendments to draft contracting law

By Sa'ad G. Hattar Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — In a regular session on Tuesday, the Lower House of Parliament endorsed several draft laws, some with amendments, including a controversial legislation on contracting which had been amended and sent hack to the depudes by the Upper House of Parliament (Senate).

The Senate, which last week rejected amendments to the law introduced by the House's legal committee, called for reducing by half the commission taken by the Jordanian Contractors Associa-

Several deputies suggested casting a show-of-hands vote on the Senate's modifications without referring the law to the House's concerned committees. When it, was put to vote, the draft law was passed unanimously.

The House session was chaired by its speaker Akef Al Fayez and was attended by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai and Cabinet ministers.

The draft laws which were endorsed covered two loan agreements between the government and the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development as well as legislations governing the encouragement of investment, dealing in fixed assets by concerned organisations and the Jordan Marketing Organisation. (See story below)

#### Transport minister replies to query on rail link

At the outset of the two-hour session the transport minister's reply to a query by depoty Leith Shbeilat on the projected Agaba-Wadi Al Abiad railway line was read out. In his written query, Mt. Shbeilat (Amman) questioned the legality of a contract signed between the government and a Greek investment company to study the feasibility of the projected railway line.

The minister's reply stated that the Greek company was an investment corporation and not an engineering or a consultant company to design or carry out such

The minister added that it was the company which approached the

government for investment possi-

By Rana Sabbagh

AMMAN — A senior official

hailed the 1986 draft law on the

Jordan Marketing Organisatioo

(JMO) as a step towards reviving

the role of the "dormant and

frozen" 14-year old Jordan Agri-

culture Marketing Association (JAMA) and said it would help

the government to draw up

marketing and pricing policies for

Agriculture Minister Marwan

Hmoud said the draft legislation,

passed hy the Lower House of Parliament on Tuesday, would

give the JAMA a "strong im-

petus in assuming responsibili-

ties in organising the local

marketing and exports of Jorda-

nian agricultural produce by

the agricultural sector.

bilities in the Kingdom, particularly setting up a wide gauge railway connecting Aqaba with the phosphates mines at Wadi Abiad, Hasa, and Shidiyeh. For its part, the government agreed in principle on the study but only after it secured a fioancial guarantee of \$1 million, he said.

Another counter argument hy the minister was that the agreement entitled the Greek company or any party acting on its behalf to collect the revenues on the project for a period of 30 years from the first day of operations. The role of the company, being a consortium of investment concerns, is confined to investing and funding the project, he said.

The government's concerned authorioes are currently evaluating the company's study and if the government should decide on revoking the agreement, this would not entail any financial commitment on the part of the government, the minister noted.

When the minister's reply had been read out, Mr. Rifai, citing legal excesses in the way Mr. Shbeilat's query had been presented and channelled to the concerned authorioes, warned that the legislator's "queries would go unheeded from now on should he maintain the same approach.'

"I was even about to tell the minister in question not to answer Mr. Sbbeilat's query if it had not been for your honourable assemhly," the prime minister said, referring to Mr. Shbeilat's 'tacit attack" on the government represented by the Cabinet minister.

In his query, Mr. Sbbeilat urged the House to secure an answer from the minister in question within eight days or during the forthcoming session of the

Such a request, the prime minister argued, could only be put forward should the concerned executive authority decline to give a prompt answer or delay the reply for more than eight days as stated in the charter. Mr. Rifai contended that a minister has never rejected or delayed replying to a query put to him hy any legislator. Moreover, the premier continued, the charter stipulates that any query from de-puties should be channelled to the concerned authority through the House speaker and not directly as Mr. Sbbeilat did.

New marketing organisation incorporates

old to study, regulate agricultural policies

Regarding the deputy's state-ment that he would call for a hearing should the minister not reply in due course, "I simply say that it is not Mr. Shbeilat who decides whether or not to convene a hearing session as such,"
Mr. Rifai said.

Only the assembly has the authority to hold a bearing session for one of the policy makers but after they hear his answer to the query and only if he or she has committed a certain mistake, Mr. Rifai said. He quesconed the reason behind the attitude of Mr. Shbeilat, who did not attend Tuesday's session. The session was attended for some time by Senate Speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi and Senate member Hassan Al Kayed.

The focus of the main debate was whether the House should refer to its committees 13 requests put forward to improve and extend services to various townships.

After a long discussion and because referring the requests to the committees would take time, especially since Parliament's current ordinary session is coming to an end, the depudes voted unanimously in favour of referring the requests to the government.

The vote was endorsed on condition that the depudes demands not be binding. The government, burdened by expenditure envis-aged in the 1987 budget, would not be able to heed all these demands, deputy Rizk Bataineh said. He suggested that the government study the possibility of implementing the projects in question within its capabilities

and on a priority scale. Deputy Jamal Da'oud Suleiman supported Mr. Bataineb's suggestion and argued that the government would not be able to draft a budget supplement to execute these projects. The demands should have been made before starting the fiscal year so that the government could have included them in the budget, Mr. Suleiman said.

The requests include giving complete authority to the Irbid customs department to deal with imports and exports in a drive for decentralisation, providing rural mosques with Imams (preachers), electrifying a number of villages in Itbid and Zarka, in addition to



Prime Minister Zaid Rifai on Tuesday confers with a visiting Romanian delegation headed by National Assembly Speaker Nikolai Giossan (to Mr. Rifai's left) in a meeting attended by Upper House (Senate) Speaker Ahmad Lawzi (to Mr. Giossan's left) and Senate member Amer Khammash (second from right)

## Rifai, Romanian speaker review Mideast issues

Minister Zaid Rifai on Tuesday conferred with President of Romania's Nacional Assembly Mr. Nikolai Giossan who is currently on an official visit to Jordan. They reviewed current issues in the Middle East region and Romanian-Jordanian relations. Mr. Giossan conveyed to the prime minister an invitation from the Romanian prime minister to visit Romania.

The meeong was attended by Mr. Ahmad Al Lawzi, speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, House members and the Romanian Ambassador to Jordan Tedor Cuman.

#### Kanaan briefs Giossan

Mr. Giossan was later received by Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan who spoke about his ministry's role in following up on and supervising the implementation of social and economic proiects included in the 1986-1990 five-year nadonal development

The minister also spoke about the priorides of the plan and the economic factors affecting the country and the whole region. Dr. Kanaan also discussed the government's measures designed to adapt to economic changes and to the requirements of development in the Kingdom.

The minister also explained the objectives of the governmentsponsored development plan for the occupied West Bank and said that it is intended as a means to belp the indigenous population remain steadfast in their home-

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime land. The plan, the minister cononued, is also to help the Arab population overcome the probtem of unemployment by creaong jobs and new opportunities for the Arab citizens living under

Israeli mie. Dr. Kanaan underlined the importance of promoting the des of friendship and cooperation between Romania and Jordan in conformity with directives from His Majesty King Hussein and Romanian President Nicolae

For his part, Mr. Giossan expressed his country's readiness to contribute towards supporting Jordan's five-year plan and he said that Romania admired Jordan's economic development. He also referred to the existing cooperation between Romania and Jordan in oil and electricity affairs.

The current world economic situation, Mr. Giossan said, calls for closer economic cooperation between the two countries, adding that Romania's experience and expertise in the agricultural and industrial fields could be placed at Jordan's disposal and both countries could expand the scope of their bilateral cooperation.

#### Visit to Jerash

Later, Mr. Giossan and his accompanying delegation visited the Greco-Roman city of Jerash and were briefed on its historic background. The delegation, which toured the archaeological city, were accompanied by Mr. Amer Khammash, member of the Upper House of Parliament.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Shakaa meets Arab justice official

AMMAN (Petra) — Justice Minister Riyadh Al Shakaa Tuesday met with Mr. Mohammad Miko, secretary general of the Arab Justice Ministers Council, who is on a visit to Jordan. They reviewed preparadons for convening the fifth Arah justice ministers conference, due to open on April 11 in Amman and cooperation between the council and the Jordanian Justice Ministry in judicial affairs. Mr. Miko arrived in Amman Monday for talks on the upcoming conference.

#### U.S. official to deliver lecture today

AMMAN (J.T.) — On Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7:00 p.m. the American Centre will present former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Ambassador Micbael Sterner in a lecture on the U.S. poliocal agenda for 1987/1988 and the Middle East. Ambassador Sterner is the managing director and partner of the International Relations Consultants Group. He had a long career with the American Foreign Service in the Middle East. In 1977 he was named as deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs and held that position until he retired in 1981. Ambassador Sterner is a member of the National Advisory Council of the American-Arab Affairs Council, the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, the American Insotute for Islamic Affairs, the Council on Foreign Relations and was a founding member of the International Council for Dispute Resolutions. Ambassador Sterner has written extensively about the Middle East.

#### PSD director returns from Riyadh

AMMAN (Petra) — Public Security Department (PSD) Director Lieutenant General Abdul Hadi Al Majali returned to Amman on Tuesday after taking part in a meeting of a committee charged with preparing a programme for Arab police chiefs. The programme will be carried out by the Riyadh-based Arab centre for studies on security and training. The committee groups a number of Arab police chiefs and experts from the Riyadh centre who hold annual meeongs in Riyadh.

#### W. Germany gives bus to school

IRBID (Petra) — West Germany on Tuesday made a special gift of a mini-bus and a collection of books to the Wash Tal Industrial School in Irbid. The gift was presented by West German Ambassador to Jordan Herwig Bartels to the school's principal during a visit to the school. The principal made a speech in which he voiced Jordan's appreciation for West Germany's continued help to Jordan's educational institutions in general and the Wasfi Tal Industrial School in particular. The ceremony was attended by the director of education in Irbid and other officials.

#### Syrian agri-engineers arrive

RAMTHA (Petra) — A delegation representing the Syrian agricultural engineers association arrived here by land for a four-day visit to Jordan and talks with the Jordanian Agricultural Engineers' Association. The delegation will discuss cooperation between Syrian and Jordanian agricultural engineers associations and the possibility of implementing joint programmes and exchanging expertise. The delegation, led by Dr. Yahya Bakkour, will tour a number of agricultural projects and industrial concerns in the Kingdom,

# Development programme part of Jordan's continuing assistance to occupied territories, Dudin says

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin said Tuesday that Jordan has never stopped extending assistance to the people of the occupied Arab lands ever since Israel occupied the territory in 1967.

minister said that the Jordaniansponsored five year economic and social plan for the occupied territories represented an extension of assistance to the Arab people living under Israeli rule. What is new about the idea is

that it fixes a timetable for implementing projects designed to enhance the economic, social and health infrastructure of the occupied Arab territories with the intention of boosting the indige-nous population's steadfastness in the face of Israel's designs aimed at evicting them from their homeland, the minister stressed. He said that the maintenance of official departments and services in the occupied territory have helped to solve many problems and have eased a lot of obstacles facing the Arah population as a result of the Israeli occupation.

In his lecture, the minister spoke at length about Israel's malpractices, the arbitrary measures carried out in the occupied regions and the daily sufferings of the Arab population. He also teviewed the different stages through which the Palestine problem passed since the turn of the present century.

In addition, Mt. Dudin briefed the audience on the Jordanian government's services offered to the displaced population of the occupied regions through the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs. These services and diffrent forms of assistance have been reaching 13 refugee camps

Industrial

on display

in Oman

products to go

In a lecture to the International in the East Bank of Jordan where Diplomats Club in Amman, the refugees have been living since the eviction from their homeland, the minister said.

#### Refugee camps

Mr. Dudin said that the camps in the East Bank are of two categories; those set up after the 1948 war and those which were erected after the 1967 war, for which the government shares responsibility in cooperation with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Answering questions from the

audience, the minister reiterated Jordan's commitment to working for a just and lasting peace settlement and said that the just peace sought by Jordan could not be achieved except through an inter-national conference which should be attended by the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council and the participation of all parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict

Mr. Dudin said that subcommittees formed by the higher committee for occupied territories affairs have just completed arrangements for implementing the five-year development programme in the occupied territories and has worked out a list of projects to be carried out there. Tenders for these projects will be announced in the coming days, the minister disclosed.

He said that within the development plan there will be more allocations for carrying out specific projects, and these will



Marwan Dudin

be financed through special contributions.

Implementation enmmittees formed

Meanwhile. subcommittees formed by the higher committee on Tuesday issued a list of 50 names grouped in eight commit-tees to take charge of the implementation of different projects in the occupied West Bank. The committees will be in charge of the following areas: Jerusalem. Jenin, Nablus, Toulkarm and Qalqilia, Ramallah, Jericho, Bethlehem and Hehron.

In addition to these, depudes in the Lower House of Parliament will be participating in the work of the committees in their respective West Bank constituencies, according to a statement from the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs. The statement said that the ministry will make the necessary arrangements for holding meetings between the committees' rapporteurs prior to embarking on the implementation of the economic and social programmes in the occupied ter-

# Hamzeh back from Nairobi talks on mother, child care

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian industrial fair is due to open in Muscat, Oman, next Tuesday, according to a spokesman for the Jordanian Trade Centres Corporation (JTCC), which is organising the fair in cooperation with the Amman Chamber of In-

The spokesman said that some 65 Jordanian businesses and industrial concerns are taking part in the 10-day fair which will display a variety of Jordanian

industrial products. During the fair, the Royal Jordanian airline will organise three variety shows, featuring exhibitions of artistic and archaeological sites in the Kingdom and performances of national folk troupes.

According to the spokesman, the fair will allow the participating Jordanian firms to sell their products directly to the Omani public and merchants may take

orders for more sbipments. The fair, in implementation of a hilateral trade and economic protocol signed last year, is bound to bolster Omani-Jordanian ties and trade links, the spokesman

He said that the JTCC plans to hold similar fairs in Saudi Arabia, Tunisia and Egypt with the purpose of promoting the sale of Jordanian products.

#### AMMAN (Petra) - Health emergency centres and hospitals. Minister Zaid Hamzeh teturned to Amman on Tuesday after participaong in an international con-

ference on motherhood which ended in Nairobi, Kenya last

In a statement upon his return, the minister said that the participating delegations discussed a number of important studies prepared by specialists, world organisations and medical associations on means of providing protection to mothers and pregnant

The delegations recommended that the safety of mothers and children should be given additional attention when implementing national health programmes and primary health schemes, and that more care should be given to pregnant women, especially the provision

The conference also urged that more mother and child centres be set up and entrusted with the task of spreading awareness on family health care, the minister said. Dr. Hamzeh said that the coo-

ference pointed out that nearly half a million pregnant women in Third World countries die annually. But he noted that the mortality rate among pregnant women in Jordan is comparaovely low as a result of telaovely good health cate provided by the Ministry of Health and through mother and child centres around the Kingdom.

Dr. Hamzeb said that his ministry plans to carry out an integrated study on the situation of mother and child care in the Kingdom with the purpose of introducing measures to further reduce mortality rates among of transport to the nearest mothers and children.

#### Seminar discusses papers on handling chemical substances

safety measures to be taken when handling chemical substances on Tuesday discussed five working papers presented by the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Royal Scientific Society [RSS).
The papers dealt with Jordan's laws and regulations governing the handling of chemical subst-

AMMAN (J.T.) - A seminar on ances, conditions for storing and transporting these substances and precautionary measures that must be provided.

> The three-day seminar was opened on Monday by Dr. Munther Al Masri, director of the **Vocational Training Corporation** IVTC), who deputised for Labour Minister Khaled Al Haj

Observers speculated that Mr.

Serra would also seek to allay

Jordanian concern over reports of

Spanish arms sales to Iran. The

Spanish government has denied

authorising any arms sales to

Iran. The alleged sales were re-

Mr. Serra and the visiting de-

legation are expected to tour a

number of Jordanian military in-

stallations on Wednesday, the

Jordan signed a \$90 million

contract for 16 C101 Spanish

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paper El Pais.

sources said.

### King meets Spanish defence minister

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Petra added that Spanish Ambassador to Jordan Emilio Menendez del Valle, and a sixmember Spanish delegation accompanying Mr. Serra were also present during the meeting. Mr. Serra, 44, flew in from Saudi Arabia on Tuesday morning on a three-day visit to the

#### Peres: Peace chances could be ruined

(Continued from page 1) major concern and our most important condition" to the Kremlin, Mr. Peres added.

Later on Tuesday, Mr. Peres told parliament that reports that Egypt's defence minister called Israel his country's worst enemy were false and that relations between the two countries were improving.

Egyptian Defence Minister Mohammad Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala was reported to have told a closed meeting of the Defence and National Security Committee of the People's Assembly that military cooperation between Egypt and Syria could lead to a crushing defeat of Israel.

Two weeks ago Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir accused Field Marshal Abu Ghazala of taking an anti-Israeli line,

Kingdom for talks with Jordanian government and military officials.

Receiving the Spanish guest at the Queen Alia Internacional Airport was Gen. Sharif Zaid and senior army officials as well as members of the Spanish embassy in Amman.

Later, Mr. Serra was accorded an official welcome ceremony at the army's General Headquarters before a meeting between the visiting delegation and Gen. Sharif Zaid.

Mr. Serra and the Spanish delegation were briefed on the duces of the Jordanian Armed Forces and missions it is entrusted with, Petra said.

The meeting was attended by Lt.-Gen. Abu Taleb, Mr. del Valle and the Spanish military attache to Jordan.

Later in the evening, Gen. Sharif Zaid hosted a dinner in

trainer aircraft in December 1985. Delivery of the 16 aircraft for the Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF) was postponed from June last year, and wellplaced military sources said the planes would arrive here in about

#### King receives Yemeni message

(Continued from page 1) ambassador to North Yemen.

The Yemeni side included the under secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the undersecretary of the Ministry of Health, assistant secretary general of the Ministry of Education and North Yemen's ambassador to Jordan. The agency said that the committee will resume meetings on-Wednesday.

Upon his arrival in Amman earlier Tuesday, the Yemeni minister said the committee meetings would focus on hasic issues of concern to both countries with special attention to economic, social and technical cooperation.

Dr. Iryani described Jordanian-Yemeni relations as excellent and marked with brotherly cooperation.

trial

laying down appropriate policies. The JMO will replace the JAMA which has had a turbulent history of ups and downs, agricultural experts said. It was founded in 1968 as a commercial entity to supervise selling and buying local agricultural com-

modities with the equal participation of both the private and pub-lic sectors. In 1972, the JAMA law was issued removing private sector participation in the company, and its activities started clashing with the role of other agricultural organisations. Government plans to abolish it were ready by 1982 with the incepton

dan (AMPCO).
Prior to establishing AMPCO, which is a fully-fledged government organisation responsible for organising local marketing, buying and selling produce and conducting Jordan's agricultural import and export activities, "the government almost froze JAMA's role," said the organisation's deputy director Fahed Al

of the Agricultural, Markeong

and Processing Company of Jor-

Azzeb. After the JMO legislation is enacted, JAMA's present Al Abdah-premises will host the new organisation which, according to the 1986 draft law, will in cooperation with the concerned authorities carry out studies and research related to marketing agricultural produce both in Jor-

dan and abroad. In order to organise the marketing process and upgrade it, JMO will provide both public and private sector companies with all data on the issue.

Jordan's agricultural sector has

export markets. However, AMPCO recently concluded exoumber of Arab and European countries on the basis of bartar trade. Agricultural research has so far played a very limited role in upgrading agricultural production and in charting marketing strategies, according to experts.

The new draft law stipulates that JMO will also lay down special plans for controlling exports and imports for the Kingdom's agricultural produce and following up on such plans. JMO is to be in charge of defining types and quantities of agricultural exports

and imports and for setting dates for these transactions. In addition, JMO will put forward product specifications for the imports and exports of the

# No clash with AMPCO

commodities.

In an interview with the Jordan Times on Tuesday, Mr. Hmoud refuted charges that JAMA's role would clash with the duties of AMPCO. "AMPCO is the executive branch for buying local farmer's agricultural produce and marketing it here and abroad. JMO's duties will be restricted to agricultural research and the supervision of recommendations to improve the present agricultural situation," said the minister.

The new 11-member board of JMO, chaired by the agriculture minister, will group representa-tives from Jordan's Ministries of Industry, Supply, Occupied Territories Affairs, and Agriculture, in addition to representatives from the Customs Department. the Jordan Cooperaove Organisacion, the proposed Jordan Agriculture Federation and the Chamber of Trade. Three members will also be appointed by the prime minister. The draft law also specified the duties of each of the JMO director general, and the organisation's board and provided guidelines for other inter-

The draft law also entrusted JMO with carrying out feasibility studies on the agricultural sector and food industries, encouraging the formation of local councils specialised in marketing agricultural produce and putting forward recommendations for been badly hit due to marketing issuing import and export licences gives and the closure of some as well as re-export licences.

#### Packing standards

Commenting on one of JMO's duties to standardise crates and agricultural packing cases, Mr. Hmoud said this article was 'added to give the organisation leway in executing policies re-garding the proposed establishment of a central bank to rent crates. Plans for setting up the packing crate bank are currently

underway, Mr. Hmoud said. Before the draft law was unani-mously endorsed, the House re-jected amendments to the legisla-tion which called for giving JMO a separate administrative and

#### financial entity. Financial status

A number of deputies said the organisation should be granted a separate financial status, but Prime Minister Zaid Rifai said such a recommendation clashed with government policies and the JMO's role. "JMO's dnoes are strictly concerned with organisational agricultural matters and not with buying and selling trans-actions. JMO's budget should be part of the general fiscal budget," he added. Mr. Rifai said the government's future policy was to limit to as much as possible the financial independence of the

majority of the Kingdom's public departments and organisations. Other deputies suggested that JMO's duties be incorporated with the assignments of AMPCO or become part of the ministry's department for agricultural eco-

Replying to comments made by House members who opposed the legislation, Mr. Rifai said: "This draft law was initiated after lengthy and extensive studies."

Mr. Hmoud, who said the JMO will officially assume its duties as soon as the Upper House and a Royal Decree endorse the legislation. He explained that setting up the JMO would not cost the treasury any extra money. "The premises are there, concerned ministry employees will be moved to the JMO and the equipment is

available," he said. Mr. Azzab told the Jordan Times that he expected JMO's total employees to rise to 150 from JAMA's present 40 staff memhers. The new recruits would come from the ministry and other vacancies might be filled hy some jobless Jordanian agricultural engineers.

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## Distracting tensions

AS suddenly as tension reached a most worrisome peak along their common horder in the volatile Punjab in the last days of January, India and Pakistan announced on Feb. 5 that they had reached a 10-point accord to defuse the situation. Most Third World countries, especially those which are keen on pursuing development through mutual cooperation, heaved a sigh of great relief. It now seems the Indo-Pakistan equation is stabilising with the withdrawal of the bulk of the two rival forces, which had been on a red alert since Jan. 24, from the

Notwithstanding the gratifying nature of the latest accord between the two rivals, the sudden escalation and descalation of tension between them underline the mntual distrust and unstable nature of their relations. One cannot rule nut an armed conflict breaking out the next time the two countries clash head on, especially, considering that this latest flare-up was triggered only by the mobilisation of forces and not by an armed provocation or infiltration along the border. It only took the presence of large forces on both sides of the border for legitimate reasons — arguable though their natures were — to sound off alarm bells.

For the moment, the episode appears to be behind the two countries which have fought three wars since ...dependence from Britain in 1947. Distrust and suspicion have been the main features of dealings between them despite their close ecoperation on regional economie and developmental integration in South Asia. Perbaps the only survivor of the longrunning conflict is the regular cricket matches between their national teams.

What does it all indicate? Either the differences between the two states run too deep to be settled in a burry, or the conflict is superficial, a distraction for both countries from their grave internal problems. Whatever the reason for this incident, the threat and danger are still very much alive of an all-out armed confrontation breaking out between them, each taking up arms for its own reasons. We in the Third World can only hope that sense will prevail and the leaders of the two powerful countries will use their heads rather than guns to settle their differences. The two nations should help clear the way towards enhanced cooperation and coordination among developing nations among whom both countries have constructive roles to play.

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#### Al Ra'i: Asking for more

THE government's recent measures to reduce public expenditure is a wise step aimed at preventing any crises which other countries had faced due to their failure in adopting precautiooary measures in advance. The government's decision came in time and at the proper moment so that the country can avoid further financial difficulties and economic problems. Of course such a decision would not impede the process of development and huilding the country hut would rather enable the government to save sufficient funds oeeded to finance development projects. The curhing of allowances and avoiding unnecessary trips abroad by officials are matters that we welcome because they would save hard currency and provide the country with enough funds for spending on other more important affairs. The government has taken measures to reduce the hills of fuel, electricity and water and to cut the additional money paid to government employees for doing uvertime work; and all this will definitely lead to saving huge funds that could be spent on more useful matters and benefit the whole country rather than a small group of people. We appreciate the government's measures and look forward to other moves that aim at saving public funds and providing cash for financing projects of which the country is in dire need for.

#### Al Dustour: They set the example

DESPITE their limited means for resisting Israel's illegal measures and arbitrary actions, our kinsmen under occupation rule continue to confront the enemy and rise up against repression. The Palestinian people have been expressing their indignation and anger at the continued siege of Palestinian refugee camps in Lehanon and have been protesting against Israeli measures taken against them in the occupied territories. Their action is a natural response to events in the region and a show of resistance to enemy actions. The Israelis for their part, have been escalating their repressive measures against our people in the occupied territories and continuing to confront the defenseless people with all forms of weapons. But it is regrettable to see that the Arab countries continuing to watch without lifting a finger to extend help to their hrothers in their ordeal. The Arah World deeply divided as it is, is in a weak position, and its countries are continuing to live through their disputes and their differences, totally obliviant of what is happening inside the occupied land. The uprising against the enemy in occupied Palestine should have prompted the Arabs to unify their steps and their ranks and take joint action for liberating their usurped land. We are deeply proud of the resistance activity carried out by our kinsmen in the occupied territory and we share with the Palestinian people now under Israel's rule their sad feelings and their anger over what is going oo in the camps in Lebanon. We appeal to the Arah Nation at large to end its internal disputes and extend support for the Arab people in their struggle to regain their freedom and their land.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Shamir in Washington

ISRAELI Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is heing welcomed in Washington these days as a full partner in the U.S.-Iranian arms deals and as orchestrator of the relations between the United States and Iran. He is in Washington to reap the fruit of his government's success in bringing closer the Americans and the Iranians, and is heing welcomed as an ally to the United States and an instrument for implementing the U.S.-Israel-Iran hostile policy towards the Arah Nation. Shamir went to the United States with the blessing of the Labour Party and its leading member Yitzhak Rahin who said that U.S. arms to Iran will continue to serve the interests of Tel Aviv and Washington alike. Shamir is in the United States to plan further action and to arrange further deals that would enhance the might of the enemies of the Arab Nation and cause Iran to adhere to its intransigent stand, with regard to peace with Iraq, Israel is no more a broker in the game of supplying arms to Iran but it is more of a partner in a package deal designed to strengthen the enemies of the Arah Nation. Israel will continue to allow Iranians to have their influence in South Lehanon in return for Iran's continued war against Iraq. Thus the Arabs would never get rid of their couffice and would

# Nabila Silbaq Breir: A true martyr

By Zahra Al Bahr

PALESTINIANS use the word shaheed (martyr) for all who fail in the national struggle. Few have deserved this honour more than Nahila Breir, assassinated by gummen io west Beirut on her way to ber job in UNICEF on 18 December. The title befits her reots and young sister were killed life, which was one of exceping in 1975 by Christian militia), tionally energetic, committed there are few breaks. After grawork for the people of the camps, as well as it marks her death, the result of carrying on her work in the face of direct personal threat. While still a student, in the late

teer adult literacy classes in Tel Al Zaater camp. This enthusiasm for social development work, and the special interest in education for those deprived of it, were the driving force of her professional life, sustaining her through the personal and collective tragedies that have beaten over the Palestinians in Lebanon. Like many of her generation, she was activated by the resistance movement; more than most, however, she translated nationalism into work on the ground, struggling inside the institutions she worked for, Palestinian and international, for a level of effort corresponding to the sacrifices and suffering of the people with whom she so strongly ideotified. Hooesty, drive, and a ready anger at official incompetence or corruption, made her

outstanding in the posts she held.

60s. Nabila Breir taught volun-

little more than her persistence, for in spite of marriage in 1970 to Hanna Breir, the birth of a daughter Aheer, continuous crises, two major wars, and severe personal tragedy (her paduating from Beirut University College in 1969 she worked in turn with the Palestine Research Centre, the Planning Ceotre, Dar Al Fata, the PLO political office, from 1980-1983 with UNESCO. In January 1984 she became officer in charge of UNICEF's programme for Palestinians.

After the Israeli invasioo of 1982, many Palestinians who had been active in the social infrastructure of the PLO left Lehanon, while others kept a low profile. Those ready to carry on social development work in the camps were reduced to a handful. Of this handful. Nabila was a key figure oo whom others depended, coordinating a wide range of medical, educational, and social support projects.

When it was first set up, before the war, UNICEF's programme for Palestinians did not have the scope or importance it later assumed. From her appointment at the beginning of 1984, Nahila pushed the houndaries of her job

The bare bones of her c.v. tell to its limits, travelling to all the camps in Lehanon, even to clusters oot recognised by UNRWA as camps, installing wells and sewage systems, improving mother and child care services, raising standards of teachers, helping to get shelter for people displaced by fighting. Camp popular committees came to know well her tall, raincoated figure, uncoiffed hair, flat sensihle shoes and bulging briefcase. They knew that, unlike so many

officials, she could be relied on.

the Palestinians rose, Nabila's

As tension between Amal and

work in coordinating the relief and development institutions helping Palestinians became eveo more important. The value of her UNICEF post lay not in its rank, which was low in the U.N. hierarchy, but in Nabila's determination to wring from it every scrap of benefit for the Palestinian people, no matter whom she had to fight with 00 the way. Arah battle ethics are supposed to protect women and those who do social or humanitariao work from attack. Without realising it, through the energy with which she carried out her joh, Nahila moved from her rear into the front line, hecoming a target for forces hostile to Palestinian survival in Lebanon. Her cootribution to "steadfastness" had been

Palestinians, Nabila never drew lines between the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples. In 1983, with characteristic geoerosity, she offered her experience of international aid agencies to Mrs. Randa Berri, when Amal began setting up social services for the Shi'ite poor. After the first threats against her, she gave up using the UNICEF car to which she had a right, so as not to endanger the driver, a Shi'ite. Only days before her death, she signed an order for supplies to be distributed to Shi'ites living in areas around the camps. Attacks on institutions in west Beirut that do not employ enough Shi'ites, or oot in senior posts, have been a regular feature of Amal hegemony. Nabila's

The first clear danger signal came in April 1986, when Hanna Breir was takeo from the house at night by militia. The Breir home is part of a small Christian Palestinian enclave in the heart of Muslim Museitbeh, estahlished since the early '50s. It happens also to be the quarter where Amal leader Nabih Berri lives, and is heavily "guarded" hy Amal militia who have not coo-

assassination may have been a

particularly brutal message to

UNICEF to abolish its program-

me for Palestinians, or to appoint

an Amal-approved candidate.

Though her work was with cealed their hostility to Palesti-alestinians, Nabila never drew nians in the area. Many homes here have been occupied, and their occupants forced to leave. During a two-hour interrogation, Hanna Breir was minutely questioned about Nabila's activities and visitors. In additioo, she was reminded of the fate of Abu Gaby, a neighbour, also a Christian Palestinian, who had died under militia "arrest" in December 1985. Two weeks later, the body of a Christian Lebanese employee of MEA, where Hanna works, was discovered. Disturbed, the Breirs left to visit relatives in Abu Dhabi, returning at the beginning of September. Relief efforts for Palestinians made homeless by the battles of May/June had been paralysed hy the absence of Nabila. Messages were sent urging her to come back. Nahih Berri gave a personal guarantee of safety.

> It is a sign of the intimidation of the Beirut media that Nabila Breir's assassination, shocking even by Beirut standards, since it was committed in broad daylight, against a woman (the first), and a U.N. official, was hardly reported. However the reactions of ordinary people, Lehanese as well as Palestinian, belied the media silence. Everywhere, in offices, oo street corners, people expressed their anger and grief,

praising Nabila Breir as a woman who worked honestly, and for the people. Few of the great have such an epitaph.

No commemoration of Nabila Breir would be complete without speaking of her Palestinianism which was without trace of chauvinism, hut which coloured her whole personality, her humaneness, her way of working perhaps even more her way of being a wife, mother, friend. There was something very Palestinian and very Palestinianwomanlike in the way she dealt with things. No matter who went to her, whether it was a woman needing opeo-heart surgery, a girl who had been raped, or a foreign medical worker looking for somewhere to stay, Nabila Breir listened, helped never pleading tiredness or the priority of her work. She drew no lines between joh" and "home", between "colleagues" and "friends". Her home was always open; no time was too early or too late. At a party held only a few weeks before her death, a friend described her as singing and dancing to the 'oud as if she hadn't a care in the world. Both in sorrow and in joy she was very Palestinian. Perhaps this is how she would have liked to be remembered -Middle East International,

# **Opposition set** for more seats in Egypt's April poll

By John Rogers

CAIRO — Egypoan opposition parties look likely to win more seats in parliament in elections on April 6, hut Hosni Muharak's presidency is not on the line. The election, announced by

Mubarak after an overwhelming go far enough. referendum vote last Thursday to dissolve the people's assembly two years ahead of time, will be ooly for a new legislature.

Five legal opposition parties will fight the National Democra-tic Party (NDP) headed hy Muharak for 448 elected seats. be confirmed by plebiscite. Uolike the last election in 1984... Mubarak last week described independents will run too. Egypt's political system as one of

Barriog major upsets — and nooe are in prospect — the result will be another crushing majority for the NDP, which held 391 seats in the old house against 57 for the

The real constitutional seat of country, the executive presidency filled by Muharak since 1981, will not change as a result of the

Nor will the three-month-old government of Prime Minister Atef Sedki, appointed by Mubarak.

Though he denied the charge, opposition leaders said the president's main motive in ending the life of the old assembly was to forestall a legal challenge to its constitutionality before it nominated him for a second term next October.

Muharak, 58, was catapulted into power in October 1981 after Muslim zealots shot dead President Anwar Sadat and must go through the formality of seeking a second six-year term.

Because of a lawsuit challenging the constitutional status of the electoral law under which the assembly was elected in 1984, the NDP rushed through changes last December. A verdict in the case is due oext month.

One December amendment reserving 48 seats for independent, non-party candidates — is

expected to ensure that the opposition wins more seats than it

The opposition complains. strength under the "party slate"

Serageddin has called for a new coostitution featuring, among other provisions, direct election of the president rather than nomination hy the people's assembly of a single candidate to

"doses of democracy."

democracy as we believe our people can tolerate," he said, accusing Egypt's foreign critics of givng "a quarter of these doses." In a natioowide hroadcast on

a long way as a democracy and called the April election 'a new begioniog.' Opposition complaints centre

on a legal requirement, un-changed by the December

enough of the vote - 16 per cent — to take up its seats. Three memhers of the opposition Socialist Labour Party (SLP) got seats by order of the president, the assembly.

ticket for April, with all five Wafd name to hreak the eight per cent barrier and win more seats collectively, have already crumhled because the New Wafd turned down the idea.

did in 1984.

however, that it has only a sleoder chance of showing its real proportional representation system and the amendments do oot Opposition leader Fouad

"We give as many doses of

power in the most populous Arab Monday, be said Egypt had come

amendments, that they must get eight per cent of the total vote to take up any of the seats they win. In 1984, only Serageddin's right-wing New Wafd Party won

who can appoint 10 members of Plans for a united oppositioo parties running under the New

An electoral alliance between other parties is likely, however.

More than 14 millioo people will be eligible to vote in 48 constituencies for lists of candidates named by each party.



#### Mrs. Aquino faces challenge in military Some senior officers said they assassination of her busband, Be- ism in ber government, and that

By Criselda Yabes The Associated Press

MANILA — A year ago, Presideot Corazoo Aquino was learn- general. how to march and salute. Now she is taking steps to assert control over the 250,000-member armed forces she inherited from ousted President Ferdinand E. Магсов.

Last week, Mrs. Aquino held talks with middle-grade officers. her first attempt to reconcile "my soldiers" after coup attempts and opposition within the ranks to her new draft constitution.

"For the first time, everybody was just so open and I was so glad about this," Mrs. Aquino said of the meeting. 'In fact, I would like this to be on a cootinuing

During the two meetings, officers representing all major services complained that they had been neglected and shut out in crucial decisions regarding the 18-year-old Communist

"The soldiers are giving a signal to the government ... that perhaps at this stage, it's not so much material oeeds but psychological needs," said Chief of Staff Gen. Fidel V. Ramos.

koow. Either one is scary."

same cluster of traits.

Close students of Reagan say

'We've learned nothing about

him that we didn't know

already," says Lou Cannoo, a

Washington Post White House

correspondent who has covered

Reagao for more than 20 years

and has written a biography of

Cannon asserted a year ago io a

oewspaper column that the presi-

deot was disengaged from reality,

that his administration ran on

automatie pilot with too much

his troubles should oot be surpris-

the right direction hy talking to military men below the rank of

"Now is the time to develor the armed forces, said a colonel, who spoke on cooditioo he oot be identified hy name. "The soldier's mind is simple

just give him a directioo," said ooe lieutenant at the Ministry of National Defense, who also spoke oo condition of anonymity. She has the makings of a leader but it depends on how she wards off advice given to her," hy presidential aides who are unpopular with the military.

At the outset, Mrs. Aquino was viewed as a commander-inchief who lacked cootrol of her men. Some of them privately ridiculed her, resisted orders and even conspired against her.

Of the discontent in the military, Ramos said, "We can put that matter to rest now because we have seen how the armed forces have reacted and acted to the various crises that confronted our country.

Ironically, the president was swept into power hy the armed that led last year's military revolt forces less than three years after claimed that Mrs. Aquino has the military was accused in the allowed some graft and favourit-

a new trial oo murder charges, hut Mrs. Aquino has said she does oot blame the military for elements."

"President Aquino has actually done more in her short time as president to better the lot of the average soldier than Marocs did in his eotire 20 years," wrote Arlene Babst-Vokey, a columnist

the respected Manila Chronicle. Marcos, who ruled the country for 20 years, pampered generals with money and access to power

in exchange for their loyalty, while lower-ranking officers suf-fered in battle without proper Mrs. Aquino has retired overstaying generals who served under Marcos. She also has

promised soldiers higher pay ooce the economy starts moving. Once, she donated money to a foundation for families of dead soldiers.

But some disgruntled middlelevel officers in a reformist group

believe Mrs. Aquino is moving in nigno. More than 20 soldiers face she has ignored suggestions from the military. Brig. Geo. Alexander Aguirre.

acting commander of the Manila said 90 per cent or the armed forces remain professional ... in maintaining the rule of civilian supremacy over the military. He cautiooed, however, that

the "military might rise again" if

the government fails.

"If the Cory government is strong and it is doing good for the country in really implementing the constitution, then there will be no grudge from the military," Aguirre said.

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Meanwhile, Mrs. Aquino appears more ready to act the military commander-in-chief.

Last March, before appearing at a parade for graduating cadets, Mrs. Aquino asked her senior aide-de-camp, "Is it really impor-tant to salute?" She was told it

Just a few weeks ago, when she summoned an officer to her office, the soldier, as a sign of respect, purposely wore a pair of shoes with rubber soles so that when he raised a salute and snapped to atteotion, no sund was

# Reagan's personality, once lauded, now deemed liability

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON - Until the tion of authority. Iran scandal sent his presidency into a nose-dive and raised questions about his competence. Ronald Reagan's relaxed person: lity and management style were widely praised across the country.

Many saw the president as ge-

nial. serene, reassuring. He seemed to exude confidence, optimism and determinadon after a period of national malaise brought on hy Watergate, Vietnam, and President Jimmy Carter's Iran hostage

Fortune magazine, in a September cover story titled What managers can learn from Manager Reagan." quoted his success formula ("surround yourself with the best people, delegate authority, and don't interfere") and concluded: "He has proved once again that the presidency is

manageable." Now critics are laying blame for the Iran scandal on flaws in Reagan's style and faulting him for passivity, lack of knowledge or curiosity and excessive delega-

This disaster throws a pitiless light on the way the president does his joh." Time magazine declared receotly.

The fault-finders say Reagan accepted without serious question his aides' proposal to sell arms to Iran in an evident bid to gain release of U.S. hostages held in Lehanon - even though he had publicly hranded Iran a terrorist state and vowed repeatedly never to negotiate with terrorists.

They say Reagan let aide Lieuteoant Colonel Oliver North accumulate great foreign policy power which, it is alleged, he ahused to divert arms profits to Nicaraguan contra rebels.

The shift of attitude seems to extend to the grass roots.

The Roosevelt Centre for American Policy sampled opinion among voters in New Hampshire and Iowa, two states with key roles in the presidential nomination process, and fouod deep dissatisfaction with Reagan's de-delegated power and that "eveo-

tached style of governing.
The think-tank's report said tually isolation is likely to extract cies. The trouble seems to come freedom for Americans and, cripeople in both states wanted "a Duke University's James Barhands-oo statesman" in the ber, author of a historical study White House oext time around, and offered this typical quote

titled,"The Presideotial Character," classifies Reagan as "pas-sive-positive," the same type as from a woman in lowa: "I honestly don't know if he knew about William Howard Taft in the early (controversial aspects of the Iran 1900s and Warren Harding in the deal) and he's lying, or he just 1920s, whose scandal-ridden delegated his power and doesn't administration was a disaster.

They are hardly in the same class as Reagan, whose policy successes have left a strong iming and that his earlier successes priot on U.S. politics. and recent failures stem from the But Barber says the three do share certain traits.

> "Passive-positives ... are responders, not initiators or pushers, but they go about their work with ... and appearance of affectionate hopefulness," he says. "They accentuate the positive. They boost. They sym-

White House insiders have said Reagan rarely initiates policies or asks questions about background detail.

Given the right script, he is a stirring cheerleader for his poli-

"(Passive-positives) are, in many ways, nice guys who finished first, only to discover that not everyone is a nice guy," Barber said in his book.

Harding, who served as presideot from 1921 until his death in 1923, was betrayed by aides who embroiled his administration in a notorious oil-lease

Reagan, facing his own scandal, is hlamiog aides who, he says, exceeded their authority in the contra aid diversioo.

According to Barber, passivepositives crave acclaim. Assessing Reagan's character in an article published when he took office in January 1981, he wrote: "The worst fear is that Reagan, seeking affection, will have disaster thrust

upon him." The furore over the Iran affair originated with the sale of arms to Iran in what many see, despite Reagan's disclaimers, as an armsfor-hostages deal - a bid to win

when he gets the wrong advice or loses track of what subordinates that had been clamouring for him to do something about the hos-

Those who question Reagan's style also note he has built up a record of verbal gaffes that suggest he is out of touch with reality - saying that Soviets were "on a starvation diet of sawdust," or that trees cause air pollution. After last year's abortive su-

perpower summit in Iceland,

Reagan appeared unable to explain precisely what arms cut proposals he and Soviet leader ikhail Gorbachev had made. Despite criticism for alleged shortcomings, Reagan remained

immensely popular until the Iran scandal erupted. He captivated the country with

a combination of stirring rhetoric and genial demeanor and made America feel good.

"In retrospect," says presiden-tial scholar Stephen Hess of the Brookings Institution, "historians could question whether we really had a right to feel that good."



# Japanese company said to have developed super memory chip

roughly 700 pages of English text. That is 16 times the capacity of

the 1-megabit chip, which is just

beginnig to be mass-produced by

In between the 1-megabit chip

and the 16-megabit version is the

4-megabit chip. Texas Instru-ments Inc. of Dallas claims it was

the world's first company to de-

velop a working model of the

4-megabit chip, which it announced at last year's solid

Texas Instruments spokesman

Norman Neureiter confirmed re-

cently that the company does not

have a working model of a

16-megabit chip. International Business Machines Corp. will

present its first paper on a 4-megabit chip at this year's solid

state circuits conference, said

Robert Neudecker, a company

onto a single sliver of silicon twice

as much information as memory

storage devices of the 1950s,

In addition to saving room, the

advanced chips make work go

faster because they allow a com-

puter to get information almost

instantaneously from the chip in-

stead of having to retrieve it from

NTT's new chip probably will have circuits measuring as little as

one-half of a millionth of a metre

across, Lecht said. A human hair

self, but licenses its technology to

other companies that manufac-

psychiatrists who can pinpoint the trouble and try to help before it

turns to tragedy.

extremist gunmen.

ture semiconductors.

NTT does not make chips it-

is aboiot 150 times as thick.

Lecht said in his column.

The 16-megabit chip will pack

spokesman.

state circuits conference.

chip makers this year.

By Peter Coy
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A Japanese company plans to announce a maior advance toward a memory chip that is two generations beyond the most sophisticated chips now commercially avail-

ble, business sources say.

Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corp. will reveal details of its progress on a 16-megabit memory chip Feb. 25 m New York at the annual intenational solid state circuits conference, conference organiser Lewis Winner confirmed recently.

NTT has reserved a place on the conference schedule and is likely to have an early prototype of the super-compact chip available for after-hours demonstrations, Winner said.

NTT spokesman James Reilly said the company would not discuss its results before the confer-

Aithough a 16-megabit dynamic random access memory (D-Ram) chip is oot likely to reach whe market for several years, NTT's prototype is nevertheless a significant advance and a competitive advantage for the Japanese telecommunications

The United States has lost more than 90 per cent of the memory chip market to Japan, but U.S. chip makers had been hoping to get hack into the race by skipping ahead to more advanced generations of chips. The NTT advance seems to put that

strategy in jeopardy.
"I call this the 'Dream D-Ram'," Charles Lecht, chairman of Lecht Sciences Inc. of Japan, said in a column in the current issue of computerworld, a weekly trade paper.

"It's an important scientific product," Philip Goodman, an analyst for Duff and Phelps Inc.

Quarter of

= deaths due

to suicide

By Paul Majendie

Reuter

BELFAST — Twenty policemen died in Northern Ireland last

year. Five of those killed them-

The grim statistics hammer

home how great the stress is for

"the thin green line" of officers

battling to keep the peace in a

deeply divided community where

clashes between Catholics and

protestants are a daily fact of life.

for attack by Irish Republican

guerrillas who are fighting to ex-

pel the British from Northern

Ireland and unite the province

But last year they faced the

More than 500 police homes

were attacked by the enraged hardliners who viewed the police

as hated symbols of authority

helping to implement a con-

troversial Anglo-Irish accord

which gave Dublin a consultative

voice in the running of the strife-

Chilling slogans appeared on housing estate walls for officers

from the 8,500-strong Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) saying

"RUC --- are you sure your home

is safe whilst you are reading

Another spraygun graffiti wri-ter offered the ominous slogan "join the RUC and come home to

Against such a background of hatred from all sides, the RUC

occupational health unit to cope

with the symptoms and causes of

The RUC said this was the first

unit of its kind in Western

Europe. Police federation chair-

man Alan Wright said: "Until a

few years ago, a police officer was

no more likely to commit snicide

than any other member of the

"But we have been under in-

creasing pressure and we felt a

need for a supportive service

Statistics show that the suicide

rate in Northern Ireland is six per

100,000. The rate in the police

force is almost 10 times higher

The RUC medical officer now

A decided to set up its own special

additional agony of being attack-

ed in their own homes by Protes-

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They have always been a target

N. Ireland police

Gaza's labour trap

By Garfield H. Horn

The following article is reprinted from the Canadian International Development Research Centre (IDRC) report.

THE Gaza Strip is an island in a sea of indifference and hostility. in Chicago, said in an interview. Goodman added, though: "It doesn't take brilliance to develop It seems to have been forgotten in the peace process, both by the West and by the Arabs. It is isolated by geography and politics, cut off from the rest of the this thing. It's just a matter of singging away and making things smaller and smaller." Palestinian people and the Arah states by Israel and by the course A 16-megabit memory chip is one that can hold 16 million bits of information at a time, or

of history.
Since the "naksa," the occupation by Israel in the 1967 war, Gaza has increasingly become, in the American expression, a "bed-room community" for the Jewish state — simply a place for em-ployees of Israeli businesses to live. The economy of Gaza has become more and more dependent on that of Israel, as the number of income-producing and wage-paying Palestinian indus-

Nearly half of Gaza's labour force of 90,000 works in Israel. The rest work in a few Israeliowned businesses in Gaza and many small Palestinian-owned sses. What this means is that, even if an accord were to be reached with Israel and Palestinian independence realised, the Gaza Strip would have lost most of its capacity to be independent.

Gaza has a popolation of 600,000 (expected to reach one million by the year 2000) and one of the highest population densi-ties in the world. The living conditions of Palestinians in the Gaza are prohably the worst of all displaced Palestinians. This situation needs to be improved and the Palestinians must be able to determine their own future, but

Much has been written about the overall social and economie patterns in Gaza, but little is known of the labour motivations and perceptions of the individual families. That is why the Arah Study Ceotre, a Jerusalem-based Palestinian research foundation, undertonk a study funded by IDRC. Headed by Dr. Faisel Abdul Qadar Husseini, the study sought to determine which households were dependent on work in Israel and abroad, which derived their iocome from inside the Gaza, and which economic and social factors were behind the working and living decisions made by household members. The study consisted of intensive interviews with 143 families in Rafa, a city considered representative of the Gaza population

"dnal labour market" model. Those in the first group have jobs that offer good pay, benefits, opportunity for advancement, and security. Those in the secood group, into which most of the Gaza labour force fits, have jobs with none of these qualities. Most of the first group is made up of families living in the Gaza area before the 1948 war, while the second group consists mainly of

two fairly distinct groups, fitting

into what economists call the

refugee and Bedouin families. The study showed that these labour patterns tend to reinforce themselves. The workers in the second group, having little oppor-tunity for meaningful or steady work now or in the future, tend to resign themselves to their lot in life and oot seek higher education. Those in the first group, being better educated, ar likely to seek employment in Israel or. abroad where the pay and security are better. (According to 1983 figures, about one-third of Gaza's gross domestic income came from remittances of workers abroad).

The lot of the workers commuting into Israel every day they are not allowed to spend the night — is not gnod. Threequarters of those sampled do not have health or retirement benefits, and oearly one-third re-ported spending 20 hours or more a week commuting to and from work. Still, the jobs are better than in Gaza.

Opportunity for advancement

The study also pointed out a changing edocation pattern in Rafa households. Whereas only 4 per cent of heads of household that were interviewed had university degrees, 11 per cent of all family members had degrees. suggesting that the next generation is better educated and thus jobs within the second group.

of Israeh intrusion on the land, heersing and regulatory restrictions, the cutting off of export markets, and the flooding of Israeli imports into Gaza have

tunities for Palestinians to establish large, modern employment-generating industries. And Gaza residents have little chance to form labour and commercial organisations because of Israeli restrictions.

The new generation, the study points out, has low expectations and poor chances for advancement in Gaza. Most of the respondents interviewed cited family and personal connections as the main way to gain access to jobs rather than training and educational factors. This will reinforce the existing dual labour structure.

The Gaza is fully integrated into the Israeli economy. It is a major market for Israeli products. It is very unlikely that this pattern will change," says Dr. Jan Ahn Shakrah of the Arah Study

## Speaking for themselves

By David MacDowall

Stateless in Gaza By Paul Cossali and Clive Robson Zed Books, London 1986.

THIS is a marvellously refreshing hook for anyone who feels crushed by the sheer weight of foreign expertise explaining the Palestiniao experieoce. Like Rosemary Sayigh's Classic, Palestinians: from peasants to revolucionaries, this book allows Palestinians to speak for themselves, and as commonseose would predict, they speak more clearly and more powerfully than

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outsiders, however perceptive

Those who were dispossessed explain how their life was before the catastrophe, and in the early months as refugees. People were far more self-reliant theo. As one UNRWA teacher recalls, "There was a very strong sense that we were taking things into our own hands and building our own fu-ture. Believe me, I am oot the only one who thinks that things were hetter theo with the sacks of flour than they are now with all the UNRWA dollars." More chillingly, one man recalls the horror of Israeli troops eotering Gaza in 1956, and want only killing civihans. It is difficult to dismiss the antheoticity of these accounts be-

with which people remember momentous events.

However, most of this book is about Gaza as it is oow. Easily the most interesting part concerns the dilemma Gazans face today. one that is not simply a question of foreign occupation, but of per-ceived weakness within society and disagreements over the nature of the political struggle.

Many sharply different Gaza views are expressed, by traditional and "progressive" women on their role in society, by young meo oo the kind of society they would like to see, and hy those raogiog from Islamie fundamentalist, through the PLO spectrum to those on the left who see the transformation of society as an essential part of liberatioo.

As one man pots it, "The women walk into one room and the men walk into another. Progressive politics is about how you treat the people you live with."

Perhaps the most constructive characteristic of this book is the need many Gazans feel to be self-critical and to eschew mindless nationalist rhetoric. Regaining control of their own lives, be it from the Israeli economy or from vitality-sapping charitable haodouts, is a theme. My favourite line concerns ooe man's outrage at the squandering of Joint Committee money: "Is it steadfastness to pour money into our Seven Up Bottling Company
— an American drink put into Israeli cans using cheap Gazan labour — cans which litter our streets by the thousand?" If you want to know more of what

## Smoke-free flights make smokers nervous

By Irwin Arieff

WASHINGTON - A campaign to make the sky over North America a smoke-free zone has put the U.S. government and Congress in the middle of a confrontation between non-smokers and tobacco-lovers.

An indication is expected soon on whether the government means to crack down on air-coach smoking on domestic U.S. routes, and whether it would attempt a total ban. The Federal Aviation Adminis-

tration (FAA) is nearing completion of a long-awaited study on actions the government should take to cope with the rising complaints of non-smokers and mounting scientific evidence that tobacco smoke is a health risk even to those who abstain.

"It's a very sensitive issue, and that is reflected in the tons of mail we've received," said one U.S. Transportation Department consumer expert.

The prohibitionists scored a big victory in another field recently when USG Acoustical Products. a building products firm, announced it was banning smoking among all employees at its manufacturing plants - off the

job as well as on. But some smokers are in a fighting mood too, portraying this as a civil liberties issue, and a good illustration of the tensions being ignited in the air travel field occurred on a recent U.S. Air

When demand for oon-smoking seats outstripped supply on a flight from New York, to Boston, the flight crew declared the entire flight smoke-free.

The flight takes less than an hour, and their move was in line with both U.S. Air policy and federal rules requiring that nonsmokers be accommodated with seats away from smokers.

Impromptu bans in these situations usually draw only mild grumbles from smokers, but a puffers' rebellion broke out on this flight when five passengers defiantly lit up.

Under the glares of fellow passengers, one of the rebels sneaked off to smoke privately in

the lavatory, where his cigarette set off the fire alarm. Another refused to fasten his seat belt and shoved a stewar-

At the pilot's request, police met the plane in Boston and charged the five with interfering

with the crew. They pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and were fined \$100 each. Though extreme, this example

reflects growing frictions.

The number of complaints about smoking on aircraft rose by 15 per cent in 1986 over 1985, transportation officials say.

Pressure for a smoking ban has been pumped even higher by a 1986 report from the National Academy of Sciences, which concluded that smoking aboard aircraft was a health hazard.

It said a ban would reduce the risk to health as well as lessen irritation to passengers and crew, improve cabin air quality and climinate a significant fire

These findings were bolstered by reports from the World Health Organisation and the U.S. surgeon general concluding that non-smokers faced health risks. from breathing the tobacco smoke of others.

"Involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy non-smokers, concluded the report by surgeon general C. Everett Koop, reeased in December.

"The simple separation of smokers and oon-smokers within the same air space may reduce, but does not eliminate, the exposure of non-smokers to environmental tobacco smoke."

Current rules ban pipes and cigars altogether and require that any passenger requesting a seat in a no-smoking section be granted one if he has met check-in deadli-

Tobacco industry groups and many health professionals argue that hard evidence is lacking of a link between smoking on airplanes and passengers' health.

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# has access to counsellors and Farmers go bust, elsewhere people go hungry

Wright, working for a force drawn largely from the Protestant LONDON -Farmers from the majority in Northern Ireland. U.S. midwest to the principality stressed that the attacks on police homes last year had added to the daily stress of being a target for

"We have always said we will take what is thrown at us on the

streets but when the family home is attacked, an officer does not feel safe anywhere and that puts an additional strain on a marriage and a family and puts more responsibility on the policeman or woman involved," he said. creating the surpluses.

The confusion of officers shunoed and abused by people whom they had regarded as friends and neighbours is perhaps best suming crisis. med up by one young bewildered constable, who did not want to be

"People 1 have lived beside most of my life screamed at my family that I was a traitor because I was a member of the police reserve. 1 never believed loyalist people could turn against the World War II.

police like that," he said. Wars have seldom started in The RUC's magazine, "Police Beat," devoted a leading article to stress, warning "there is no point in trying to escape by inhave got the harvest in. dulging in nicotine products, alcohol or drugs.

"This, one feels, will do nothing but prolong the agony and make the problem in the end

harder to cope with."

It warned: "We must never expect the force to take everything that is thrown at them with the 'old boy-stiff upper lip' attitude. They too have feelings of emotion."

In last year's attacks, one coliceman was wounded in the back when a gunman shot him through the window of his home. Another had a narrow escape with his wife and baby when their home was set alight.

One father told his son not to come home, brothers refused to speak to brothers and policemen were refused service in their local

shops and bars. That kind of treatment prompted police chief Sir John Hermon to comment: "People have a right to expect much of the police but they do not have the right to expect the impossible."

By Nicholas Moore Subsidies can hurt in rich na-Remer

of Wales are going bust.

There is a world glut of food. African hunger results only from failure to distribute it. Such is the gint that prices are at rock-bottom, with wheat down 35 per cent since autumn.

Across the globe, new strains of seed, chemical fertilisers and pesticides, and space age irriga-tion schemes like those engineered in the Saudi Arabian desert to grow wheat there, are

Sobsidies to farmers, direct and indirect, paid by numerous governments compound a burgeon-

Saudi officials defend spending oil dollars on subsidising wheat on grounds that food self-suffi-

ciency is a strategie goal.

Similarly, huge farm subsidies in the European Community which EC ministers themselves now concede are scandalous, reflect memories of the borrors of

Europe before the later summer, when the intending belligerents EC subsidies were introduced

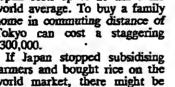
so that oo European should ever again starve and so that Europe's peasant farmers should enjoy a standard of life at par with the urban proletariat. Now, there is talk in Europe of

paying farmers, to let the land lie

EC warehouses are stacked with 16 million tonnes of unsold grain, 1.3 million tonnes of hutter and nearly 600,000 tonnes of the beef. And while children in parts of the Third World starve, the EC talks of turning surplus butter

If that sounds callous, several experts on agricultural trade can be found to reply that the dumping of subsidised food in the Third World can be a prime cause of Third World misery.

Some Third World governments, fearful of urban unrest, are keen to provide cheap food in their capital cities. So they buy cheap in the world market and the prices paid to their own farmers fall. Hunger begins when they run short of hard cash.



farmers and bought rice on the world market, there might be more land to huild on. In theory, both food and owning a home might cost less - although farmers would be unlikely to see it quite so simply. And farmers, as the EC has learned, are a powerful lobby.

These and other issues were in

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tions, too. Wholesale rice in Japan costs up to 10 times the world average. To buy a family home in commuting distance of Tokyo can cost a staggering \$300,000.

focus in London last week when leaders in the agricultural industry gathered at a symposium, called Agra-Europe, where a keynote speech came from the minister of overseas trade for New Zealand, Mike Moore. His nation depends on agricultural

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cate them. Feed the hungry, break the Third World debt cycle, and re-arm the economies of Europe, the U.S. and Japan by transferring the agricultural subsidies to viable oew areas of commerce, dictated hy the market."

of the beginning, not the begin-ning of the end."

mers to grow oilseeds instead of grain. But Thomas Mielke, associate director of the weekly Oil World, said this had cost more money than it has saved. Oilseeds also could involve a

trade row with the United States, since the EC Commission is expected to renew proposals shortly for a tax on vegetable oils and fats. Americans would regard that as a barrier to their soybean exports to Europe. U.S. officials concede that there are farm subsidies in the

United States hut say that these are of recent origin and are a necessary counter to EC sub-"I feel sorry for countries like

Australia, New Zealand and Argentina," a U.S. diplomat said. "They are going to feel pain" over the next few years. But our policy is the only way to put pressure on the European Com-munity to dismantle its system."

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cause of the wealth of small detail Gazans think, read this book.

tion of resources in Japan, the EC The EC has encouraged farand the U.S. which is imposing an

payers and consumers," he said. "The solutions are simple. It's only vested interests that compli-

Peter Pooley, deputy directorgeneral for agriculture at the European Commission, said the EC was "well and truly launched on radical reform, to the surprise of many." But "we are at the end

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American NBA roundup

## **Utah trounces Boston**

NEW YORK (AP) - While the Boston Celtics were having prob-lems with Utah's Karl Malone. the Phoenix Suns had double Malone trouble.

Karl Malone scored 25 points and pulled down 15 rebounds and the Utah reserves outscored the Boston bench 56-6 as the Jazz defeated the Celtics 109-89 Monday night.

Meanwhile, Jeff Malone tied his season-bigh with 38 points and Moses Malone shook off the flu to score 36 and pull down a game-high 11 rebounds as the Washington Bullets beat the Phoenix Suns 124-110.

In other NBA games, it was Cleveland 105, Seattle 94; Housion 105. Dallas 100; Milwaukee 128. New Jersey 124; Sacramento 124. Chicago 120 in overtime; Philadelphia 111, New York 101; Indiana 112. Golden State 93; and Portland 110, Los Angeles Clippers 105.

Cavaliers 105, Supersonics 94 Ron Harper scored 28 points and Brad Daugherty 21 while Cleveland held high-scoring Tom Chambers and Xavier McDaniel to a combined 16 points in handing visiting Seattle its sixth straight sethack. Rockets 105. Mavericks 100

Houston's Akeem Olajuwon scored 36 points and blocked a shot hy Rolando Blackman with 13 seconds to pace the Rockets. Blackman, who scored 22 points, could have put Dallas in the lead but Olajuwon's block kept Houston in front.

Bucks 128, Nets 124 Sidney Moncrief, in his second

game back from an injury, scored 20 points to pass the 10,000-point career mark in beloing Milwaukee to its fifth straight victory. Ricky Picrce led Milwaukee with 23 points, while Buck Williams and Mike Gminski had 22 apiece for visiting New Jersey. Kings 124, Bulls 120

Sacramento's Eddie Johnson scored seven of his 17 points in overtime and Otis Thorpe led the Kings with 29 points. Chicago's Michael Jordan led all scorers with 43 points, while Dave Corzine had a season-high 26.

#### 76ers 111, Knicks 101

Charles Barkley scored 17 points and grabbed 19 rebounds while Tim McCormick had 19 points to lead six Philadelphia players in double figures. Patrick Ewing led New York with 24

Pacers 112, Warriors 93 Indiana used Chuck Person's 25 points and a club record 40point first quarter to heat Golden

Trail Blazers 110, Clippers Clyde Drexler tied bis season high with 36 points and Jerome

Kersey added 19 in place of the

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## Britain's Gomer upsets Phelps in women's tennis

BOCA RATON, Florida (AP) -Unseeded Sara Gomer of Britain overcame two match points in a tense third-set tiebreaker to upset no. 10 seed Terry Phelps 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 in the first round of the \$250,000 Virginia Slims of Florida women's tennis tournament.

Other winners in a first-day programme hampered by rain and gale-force winds included ninth-seeded Raffaella Reggi of Italy, 14th-seeded Sabrina Goles of Yugoslavia and unseeded Elna Reinach of South Africa.

The top eight seeds, including no. 1 secd Chris Evert Lloyd, weren't scheduled to play Monday. Gomer, a tail left-bander, said

the weather conditions didn't hother her in her victory over Phelps, of the United States. "The wind was good for me," Gomer said after winning the

tiebreaker 10-8 on ber second

matcb poins. Pbelps, ranked 21st in the world, lost service in the 11th game of the first set hut went up 3-0 in the third set, hut Phelps rallied to send the match into a

### Dynamo Minsk wins in N. Zealand

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP) — Dynamo Minsk lived up to its reputation as one of the classiest soccer teams to tour New Zealand with an easy 2-0 win over the All Whites in the final game of the series Tuesday

The skilful Soviet players hardly got out of second gear as they swept to their third victory of the four-match series, captain Georgi Kondratiev striking twice in the second balf to ruin New Zealand's bopes.
The Russians impressed with

Phelps led 8-7 for ber second

match point but suddenly fell into

a rasb of errors, hitting a back-hand long to make it 8-all, mis-

sing a crosscourt forehand to give

Gomer her second match point

Goles, down 0-3 in the first set,

Reinach, another 18-year-old

eliminated Mercedes Paz of

wbo bolds a no. 48 world ranking,

beat Nathalie Tauziat of France

4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to earn a second-

round match against Lloyd Tues-

day night.
Lloyd, wbo ranks second in the

world and spent the last five months healing a knee injury,

will be making ber first tourna-

ment start since losing in the semifinals of the U.S. Open to

Helena Sukova last September.

noon included Gigi Fernandez of Puerto Rico, Helen Kelesi of Canada, and Americans Gretch-

en Rush Magers and Lisa

Other winners Monday after-

Argentina 6-4, 6-3.

The Russians impressed with their willingness to spread the ball wide and commit players forward, having the All Whites stretched for most of the game, while tight marking again kept the home team scoreless.

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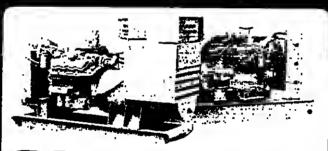
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## Adams makes debut for **England in tie with Spain**

day's friendly against an impressive looking Spanish side.

Adams, 20, latest in a long line

and then ending the match for of partners for Terry Butcher, will Gomer with another backhand bave club mates Viv Anderson and Kenny Sansom alongside Reggi stopped 18-year-old Pat-ricia Tarabini of Argentina.

England manager Bobby Rob-son demonstrated his seemingly unsbakeable faith in midfielder Bryan Robson by picking the injury-prone Manchester United player even though he bas only just returned from a six-week ayoff with a hamstring problem. Robson had no place for Tot-

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MADRID (R) — Arsenal's central defender Tony Adams will make his England debut in towho heads the domestic scoring Instead, Gary Lineker and Pe-

ter Beardsley bave the job of prising open a Spanish defence which performed with great credit in the World Cup finals.

No one knows better than Lineker bow bard it will be for England to find a way past Andom Zubizarreta.

The Barcelona goalkeeper has conceded just 13 goals in 27 league matches this season - one fewer than his clubmate Lineker bas knocked in against Spanish defence.

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#### 'Gorbachev' vodka stirs sports controversy

OBERSTDORF, West Germany (AP) - Organisers turned down a Soviet request for the removal of billboards advertising "Gorbatschow Vodka" during televised broadcasts of the Nordic Ski World Championships. The Soviet team had asked the organisers either to remove the signs or to have television cameras avoid the billboards during live coverage which is also being beamed to the Soviet Union. The name of the West German-produced Vodka is the same as the German spelling of the name of the Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev. The Soviet team said in its request that Gorbachev was leading an anti-alcobol campaign in the Soviet Union and that it was inappropriate for Soviet television viewers to see the Vodka ads in broadcasts from the championships.

#### Table tennis drains Indian group's finances

NEW DELHI (AP) — The 39th Table Tennis Championship opening Wednesday is imposing a beavy financial burden on hosts India, and organisers face coming up short. M.C. Chowhan, director of the organising committee, told the Associated Press on Tuesday that the deficit would be about \$25,000 out of a total bill expected to run to about \$1 million. The Table Tennis Federation of India, a private organisation, is the official bost and responsible for footing the bills. Federation officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they were turned down by the Indian ministry of sports in a plea for the government to raise its contribution of 500,000 rupees (\$41,666). The federation was unable to raise as many sponsors as it had anticipated, and the sale of tickets also has been far

#### England full-back has heart trouble

LONDON (R) — England full-back Kenny Sansom, whose father, brother and uncle have all suffered beart attacks, has disclosed that be too has a problem. The 28-year-old, who will disclosed that be too has a problem. The 28-year-old, who will win his 74th cap against Spain in Madrid on Wednesday, says in the Sun Newspaper Tuesday that he has played throughout his career with a hereditary complaint. "I know I'll need a by-pass operation before the age of 50." he says. "Otherwise I'll almost certainly have a heart attack." His uncle died after an attack, his father bas bad a pacemaker fitted and his brotber Peter, who is \$28. suffered a sacond maior attack a father bas bad a sacond maior attack. 38, suffered a second major attack a few weeks ago — six years after undergoing a by-pass operation. "The problem is always at the back of my mind," said the Arsenal star. "I know I'm going to bave difficulties in years to come."

#### Seeds upset in California tennis

INDIAN WELLS, California (AP) - Martin Jaite of Argentina and Americans Kevin Curren and Aaron Krickstein were upset victims in first-round singles action of the \$435,000 Pilot Pen Classic men's tennis tournament. Jaite, seeded 11th, was beaten by Jakoh Hlasek of Czechoslovakia 6-7, 6-2, 6-4. Curren, seeded 14th, was eliminated by Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia 7-6, 7-6. Krickstein, seeded 15th, lost to compatriot Scott Davis 4-6, 6-4, 7-6. The only seeded players who won Monday to advance to the second round were ninth-seeded Kent Carlsson of Sweden, who downed Gary Donnelly of the United States, 7-6, 6-3, and 12th-seeded Thierry Tulasne of France, who whipped Barry Moir of South Africa 6-2, 6-3. The top eight seeds all bad byes. Seeded first is Stefan Edberg of Sweden; seeded second is Boris Becker of West Germany; seeded third is Yannick Noah of France; and seeded fourth is Mats Wilander of Sweden.



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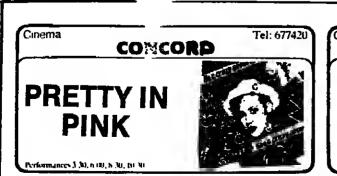
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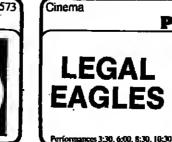
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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices stood slightly off Tuesday's

record levels in late trading as some operators took profits, but the mood remained bullish after an early surge on Wall Street

pushed the Dow Jones industrial average through the 2200 level,

public sector borrowing requirement figure for January. The data showed a provisional oet repayment of £3.7 billion against

Dealers said given the better-than-expected PSBR figure many are bopeful that there will be scope for a reduction in

and reform in his March 17 budget has led to hopes of an increase in consumer spending, which together with a shortage

of stock is helping to underpin the equity market.

Many in the market expect the FTSE 100 index will top the

2,000 mark before the budget, but dealers warned that if this

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figure is reached it could well trigger a substantial sell-off.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18, 1987

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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You can keep the prom-

GEMINJ (May 21 to June 21) An associate shows you

how to gain a cherished desire. A friend later tries to

change your plans, but hold your ground.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You can pro-

duce more at your job than usual. Later you find civic

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aog. 21) Get some amnsement or

romance set up. Be very cooperative tonight and atudy

something worthwhile.
VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Talk over with family

members your practical matters. Get together with in-

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be certain to get impor-

tant letters out before you get together with associates.

property affair settled. Plan for a greater abundance in

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Gat into some

personal activities that can be beneficial to you. Be with

congenials tonight.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Rid yourself of a

problematical affair. Later please your family with the

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making Japanese cars more ex-

pensive abroad and reducing the

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for dollars earned abroad.

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota Molor (\$497.5 millioo) to currency ex-Corp., Japan's largest automak- change rate losses that totalled er, said its net income for the six 210 billion yen (\$1.38 billion) in months ending in December fell July-December, compared with by 44.4 per cent from a year 52 billion yen (\$342 million) in earlier due to lower sales in South the same 1985 period.

Also during the period, and curreocy exchange-rate Toyota's exports to South East Asia fell by 60.2 per cent from a year earlier to 28,393 cars and those to the Middle East fell by per cent against the U.S. dollar. 59.5 per cent to 32,632.

Toyota said in an ioterim financial settlement report that prospects for the Japanese automobile industry are "likely to remain difficult," as stagnatioo in the U.S. economy and a slowdown of economie growth in developing nations are expected, along with a drop in price com-

#### **Japanese steel companies** plan to reduce workforce

Toyota's net profit drops

largest steelmaker, Kawasaki Steel, bas announced a plan to cut its workforce from 26,000 to 21,000 by March, 1989, oews

The amouncement came during a meeting between company executives and labour union leaders at the beadquarters of the company in Kobe, the Kyodo News Service and Tokyo Shimbun reported.

Kawasaki Steel also plans to shut down a roll steel mill in Chiba, near Tokyo, the reports said. Company officials were not available for comment.

Nippoo Steel, Japan's largest steelmaker, said it would reduce

volved in steel production by 19,000 through March, 1990, and shut down five of its 13 blast furnaces during the next two

The last of the five largest steelmakers, Nippon Kokan, is

## He attributed the decline of net peritiveoess due to the yeo's iocome to 75.68 billion yeo appreciation.

TOKYO (R) — Japan's fourth its 46,000-stroog workforce in-

Sumitomo Metal Industries and Kohe Steel had already announced similar plans to streamline their operations io the face of the yen's appreciation against the dollar and increasing competition from newly industrialised countries, such as South

expected to follow suit sooo, the

# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Egyptians give \$20m to repay debts

CAIRO (R) - Egyptians have dooated more than \$20 million

in response to an appeal by President Hosni Mubarak for belp in repaying the nation's buge foreign debt, the semi-official Al Ahram oewspaper said Tuesday. Al Ahram quoted presidential secretary-geoeral, Mr. Zakaria Azmi as saying \$10 millioo went to Canada for wheat purchases. The donations poured in after Presideot Mubarak made the appeal 15 months ago. Egypt's foreign debt is currently estimated at \$38.6 billion.

#### IMF lends Bangladesh \$284 million

WASHINGTON (AP) - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) annouoced a \$284 million loan to Bangladesh. The government has promised in return to seek to raise the growth rate of the country, ooe of the world's poorest, to an annual five per ceot and to hold down both inflation and the budget deficit. the IMF said. Bangladesh already owes the fund about \$475 million. According to the World Bank, the country's average growth rate between 1965 and 1984 was only 0.6 per ceot. The government will also try to increase individual saviogs and improve its financial system, the IMF-said. A portion of the loan was granted because of the drop in the price of jute, the country's main export.

#### Turkish Airlines faces pay strike

ANKARA (R) - Staff working for state-owned Turkish Airlines said Tuesday they would strike from Inuisday decaus five mooths of pay talks had failed to produce an agreement, the Anatolian Agency reported. It quoted Mr. Ibrahim Ozturk, chairman of the Hava-Is Union representing 5,000 airline workers, as saying: "Our struggle is economic and not ideological." The union sought a 35 per cent overall pay rise for the first year and 25 per cent for the following year, plus an increase in bonus payments from three to four a year. A spokesman for the management said its offer of pay rises of 30 per cent for the first year, 25 per cent for the next year and three and half bonuses a year was adequate. It was unclear whether Turkish Airlines could maintain services without members of Hava-ls, its main trade union. It bas 31 aircraft and operates a large domestie octwork in addition to international routes io Europe and Asia.

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# \$150m Kuwaiti loan to Soviets seen as boost to political ties

KUWAIT (R) — The Soviet Union has raised a landmark \$150 million loan in Kuwait in what bankers see as a strategic bid to boost fledgling economic ties and cement political relations with the Gulf oil emirate.

The loan enhanced Moscow's and Kuwait," said a senior bankhigher profile in the Gulf and aroused interest from banks elsewhere in the Middle East looking for a stake, regional banking sources said.

Senior officials of the Soviet Foreign Trade Bank signed the eight-year, general-purpose com-mercial credit with a local consornum of nice ficancial institutions

The bank's deputy chairman, Mr. Vladimir Drovossekov, said later he had discussed further avenues for cooperation and explored ways to fund trade and joint ventures.

The loan was the first arranged hy a Kuwain institution at Moscow's request.

"I would say it was a move from the Soviets to strengthen the relationship of the Soviet Uoion oil reserves. Kuwait opened diplomatic

er in the emirate, which has huge

links with Moscow in 1963 and, for 22 years, was the only Gulf Arah state with Soviet nes. But ecocomic contacts were limited largely to buying arms.

Gulf bankers said other institutions in the area, mainly Bahrain. showed interest when they heard the loan was being put together. But Moscow wanted it limited to Kuwaiti banks.

Banking sources said Moscow's sound rating in world credit markets underlined the strategic nature of the loan. "Internacionally, when Russia

approaches the market, there will often be an oversubscription ... this looks like a way to start a direct relationship with local

Bankers said enthusiasm in the region for the loan was encouraging for the Kremlio, which had

repeatedly expressed a desire to develop trade and other economic links in the Gulf.

Soviet lending is not new to Kuwaio institutions, who for some years have taken part in Western-based credit consortinms. But each commercial bank had its own closely-guarded strategy and details were hard to come by, bankers said.

The Soviet signing capped a flurry of exchanges in recent years between Moscow and Kuwait, which served as a springboard for Soviet diplomace overtures to the rest of the Gulf.

Moscow, in 1985, formalised diplomatic relations with Oman and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). But the other members of the six-nation Gulf Cooperanon Council (GCC) — Bahrain, Qatar and Saudi Arabia — sbow

oo signs of seeking formal ties. Al Seyassah oewspaper reported last June that Kuwait and foreign trade hank.

foundation, which co-sponsored

the work. Results of the research

bave been accepted for publica-

non in the journal Physical Re-

new alloys and techniques to raise

The collaborative teams used

view Letters, it added.

Moscow were to study joint investment projects in the Soviet Union and the Arab World worth \$1 billion.

The report came soon after Finance Minister Jassim Al Kborafi said Kuwait, with \$ 80 billion in petrodollar reserves beld mostly in the West, planned to invest more in communist and Third World countries.

It predicted joint economie cooperadon in an array of projects including finance, oil and petrochemical, and other industrial ventures.

Mr. Drovossekov was quoted here as saying this week all sectors of the Soviet economy, from industry and trade to agriculture, were open to joint ventures with

The Kuwait Foreign Tradiog Contracting and Investment Company, which managed the loan, refuse to disclose the interest. It said terms were "in lice with recent commercial transactions eotered into by the Soviet

rial should greatly speed develop-

ing practical applications for the

Mr. Chu and other experts said

superconductivity could bave many practical uses if perfected,

including generating and sending electricity from plants far away

from users because no energy

Other uses could include mak-

ing more powerful electromag-

nets to run levitated trains and

power new generations of "atom

smasbers" for physicists, as well

would be lost in transmissioo.

technology, experts say.

#### Physicists develop cheaper electricity power

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Pbysicists have achieved a breakthrough in superconductivity research that points to dramatically more efficient and cheaper electrical power, the government announced Monday.

The researchers, at the University of Houston and the University of Alabama, have achieved superconductivity - the ability to transport electrical current with no resistance - at a temperature so high that it could be called a breakthrough, said the government's National Science Foundatioo,

The researchers reached superconductivity at 283 degrees below zero F (175 degrees below zero C). The measurement is almost 100 degree F (37.8 degrees C) warmer than the mark set less

zero, or minus 459.7 degrees F (minus 272 degrees C), the temperature at which the normal morion of molecules ceases. For decades, researchers bave experimented with new conducting materials and techniques io

than two months ago.

When supercooductivity is

After its discovery in 1911,

achieved, electricity can travel

farther with greater efficiency.

scientists believed superconduc-

rivity only occurred wheo mate-

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coolants could be employed for practical uses. Teams headed by Mr. Paul .W. Chu at Houston and Mr. M.K. Wu at Alabama finally sur- liquid helium, the foundation

the temperature under normal atmospheric pressure, the anoouncement said. Uoril now, expensive and hardto-handle liquid helium bad to be used to cool the conductors, but

the researchers accomplished su-

percooductivity with warmer liattempts to raise the temperature quid nitrogen. Liquid nitrogen, which bas a temperature of minus -321 degrees F (minus 196 degrees C) is 10 times cheaper and 20 times more effective as a coolant than

as improved magnetie resooance imaging systems for medicine. On a smaller scale, they added, passed that threshold, said the said. The ability to use this mate-

the technology could revolutiooise digital electronics and lead to faster computers and better communications systems.

#### Peking orders tighter control over prices

PEKING (AP) — Authorities have ordered tighter price controls nationwide this year in an effort to stabilise lollation, an official oews report said Tuesday.
"Price checks this year will

focus on daily necessities and services and the price of capital goods such as machinery and raw materials will be inspected," the State Administration of Commodity Prices said in a circular reported by the Xinhua News

The circular ordered righter control of prices and urged local officials to investigate unauthorised price hikes and unreasonable fees that it said have promp-. ted consumer complaints.

The government announced this month that retail prices rose six per cent in 1986, down from an inflation rate of nine per cent

WE MET HERE

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DADDY IS

LEAVING ME

TEN MILLION DOLLARS!

#### Greek government to maintain austerity measures despite strikes ATHENS (R) — Economy rent account deficit dropped to for the day, crippliog transport, Minister Kostas Simitis, brushiog \$1.75 billion from a record \$3.3 closiog down offices and shops

aside a wave of protest strikes crippling Greece, said Tuesday the Socialist government would not give up a two-year wage freeze and called the stoppages uniustified.

More than balf a millioo people, includiog civil servaots, teachers, bank clerks, nurses and taxi drivers went on strike Tuesday, the second day of a 48-bour

"We will continue our restricrive incomes' policy this year despite the social cost," Mr. Simitis told a news conference.

"Strikes are oot a pleasant thing and they show that a problem exists but they can't be justified because 1986 has shown an improvement in the situation," be said.

The minister said inflation fell

to 16.9 per cent last year from 25 per cent in 1985, while the cur-

"Wage earners have contributed to this achievement and their sacrifices have not been in vain," be said. Economy ministry officials say

workers' average living standards are set to shrink by six per ceot this year after falling about seven per cent in 1986. Tuesday's strike followed a

wave of stoppages since Prime 'Minister Andreas Papandreou introduced the wage freeze in October 1985 as part of a tough two-year austerity programme designed to cut Greece's ruoaway inflation and foreign debts.

Industrial action bas intensified this year as Greeks feel the pinch of the freeze.

Greece came to a virtual standstill Monday as more than two million people demanding an end

to the wage freeze stopped work

closing down offices and shops

, and disrupting bealth services.

A natioowide stoppage was also staged last week and banks and petrol stations will not reopen until Thursday.

Mr. Simitis said be hoped success of the programme would

allow the government more freedom in wage negotiatioos "We will continue to bave problems in the economy after

this year but we hope to be able to negotiate an agreement which workers will find easier to accept. Mr. Simitis said the govern-

ment aimed to reduce inflation to around 10 per cent next year and trim the current account deficit to \$1.25 billion.

Industrialists bave welcomed the austerity programme and called for fresh action to deal with the economy's structural weaknesses and encourage investment.

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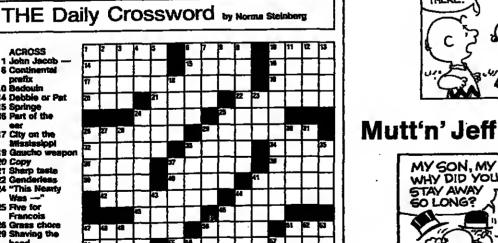
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**Andy Capp** 

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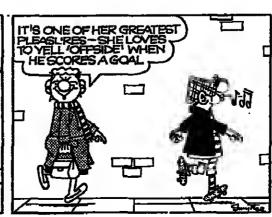
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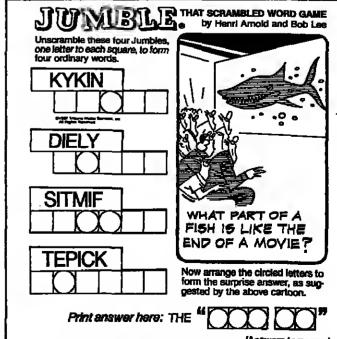




O.K. POP COME ALONG!



on a garden slug?!"



Jumbles: ORBIT WIPED LAWYER CLOVER Answer: What the amazed spectators at the big game were—"BOWLED" OVER

# Top Nicaraguan rebel chief resigns as crisis deepens

MIAMI (R) — The resignation of a top Nicaraguan rebel leader has underscored a deepening crisis within the U.S.-backed rebels, raising new doubts about the prospects for new military aid, U.S. and rebel officials said.

Adolfo Calero, 55, a conservative member of the triumvirate that rules the rebel umbrella United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO), announced his departure Monday, apparently under pressure from rival leaders and the Reagan administra-

But Mr. Calero told reporters at a Miami news conference that be would remain as bead of the CIA-trained Nicaraguan Democratic Force (FDN), UNO's largest rebel army and the stronghold of right-wing power in the

U.S. officials had hoped that Mr. Calero's departure would belp beal the rift in the ranks of rebel leadership at a time when the Reagan administration is pre-paring to ask Congress for \$105 million in new military aid. But rebel officials and congressional leaders said the resignation has underscored the deep disarry of the rebel leadership and could intensify the internal power struggle between moderate and rightwing factions.

Those factors, they said, could jeopardise UNO's future funding and doom the struggling in-surgency to failure in its fight against Nicaragua's Sandinista

government. It's one of the problems the administration is facing in renew-

PEKING (R) — The Chinese

Communist Party is hit hy weak-ness and confusion and more

divided than it has ever been in

the past eight years, a top party

The People's Daily quoted

veteran party leader Wang Zhen

as saying that in the past few

vears there had been "weakness

and confusion in the ideological

field from the central leadership

Mr. Wang's remarks were some of the strongest in a six-

week campaign against "hourgeois liberalism," a term

used to describe Westero political

ideas blamed for causing student

The campaign led to the dis-

A Westero diplomat said Mr.

Wang's comments were in line

with criticisms made by other

leaders, apparently aimed at Mr.

"We are getting conflicting sig-

nals from the media. The differ-

ences of opinion within the lead-

ership have not been ironed out.

It has not been worked out who

will be the winners and losers -

conservatives or reformers or a

mixture of both," the diplomat

"Mr. Wang, a conservative,

BY CHARLES GOREN

Q.1-As South, vulnerable, you

noid: ♦K72 7K93 ↑732 ♦9853

A.—At this vulnerability, partner must have a pretty good hand for

his bidding—after all, he has con-

tracted for nine tricks all on his

own. You have some useful values, and your king of spades should so-

hdify partner's suit. However, your king of hearts is worthless un-

less you declare the hand, so we

Q.2-As South, vulnerable, you

A.—For his jump to game in hearts, partner should have a long

suit and little outside strength. If

that is so, your hand is emineutly suitable for him. Pass. There is no

reason to suppose that you can

make 11 tricks at a minor-suit

Q.3-Both vulnerable, as South

•KJ982 ♥AQ83 ♦872 •5

1 ♥ Pass ?

A .- You are a whisker short of a

raise to game. (Switch your minor-

suit holdings around and we might

have ventured four hearts.) How-

ever, you should take very positive

action, and an invitational raise to

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you

The bidding has proceeded: West North East South

What do you bid now?

three hearts fits the bill.

would opt for three no trump

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

Pass 4 😯

What action do you take!

The bidding has proceeded: West North East South
1 7 Dble 3 7 Pass
Pass 3 2 Pass ?

What action do you take?

told the inauguration ceremony of a new central party school that

missals last month of party chief

Hu Yaobang and the party prop-

leader said Tuesday.

to many localities."

protests in December.

aganda chief.

Chinese leader sees deep

Communist Party split

ing their military support for the contras," House majority leader Thomas Foley, a Washington

Democrat, told reporters. In announcing his resignation, Mr. Calero endorsed as his replacement Pedro Joaquin Chamorro Jr., son of a slain Nicaraguan newspaper editor.

Chamorro, who lives in exile in Costa Rica, told Reuters in a telephone interview Tuesday: "I would accept the post if I was approved (by UNO's governing body). But it would also be necessary to see if my nomination bas the support of FDN troops, who are fighting the war.

The assassination of Mr. Chamorro's father in 1978 led to the insurrection that brought down former Nicaraguan Dictator Anastasio Somoza and ushered in

the ruling Sandinistas.

Meanwhile a Central American ceasefire proposal and a move to involve Nicaragua more deeply in peace efforts, outlined at a regional summit here, indicated that America's allies in the area are softening their stand on Nicaragua, summit sources said Monday.

The ceasefire plan was contained in a nine-point draft report at the end of the one-day summit of four Central American presi-

dents Sunday. Nicaragua was not invited to

the summit, but the leaders of

The policies of Chinese leader

But since comrade Deng

Deng Xiaoping have been those

of the whole party since 1979.

Xiaoping consolidated adherence

to the four hasic principles (in-

cluding socialism and leadership

of the party), a small number of

comrades in the theoretical field

went their own way and away from the party," Mr. Wang said. The People's Daily quoted

President Li Xiannian as saying at

President Omar Bongo that Chi-

na would continue to reform its

economic and political system.

been proved efficient. Our poli-

cies since 1978 are entirely cor-

rect and enjoy popular support,"

hanquet.

construction.

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Mr. Li said at Monday night's

The newspaper also carried on its front page a warning from Vice-Premier Li Peng, tipped to

be China's next premier, that

only students with both ability

and political integrity could be regarded as qualified for Socialist

He said careful and thorough

investigations into the attitude of

college students were necessary.

**◆A10782 ♥854 ∜92 ◆A76** 

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 V Pass 1 & Pass
4 & Pass ?

What action do you take? A.—Partner has shown as strong a

hand as possible without making a demand bid. Facing such strength,

two aces and a five-card suit are not to be sneezed at. We feel you

are worth one move loward slam,

and a cue-bid of five clubs is the ob-

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold. ♦SS TK9 ∴AKQ873 ♣K104

A .- Throw away your point-count

book! You have a hand that rates to

produce six or more tricks. If part-

ner has as little as a spade stopper

and one ace (not too much to ex-

pect for his no trump bid), you can

virtually count nine tricks. Bid

Q.6-Both vulnerable, as South

+K8762 √A ♦AJ93 **+**K102

Pass 2 NT Pass

A .- With your wealth of controls.

slam is a distinct possibility if an

adequate trump sult can be found.

Since you have an unbalanced hand, there is no reason not to show it by bidding naturally, so we would proceed with three dia-

monds. If partner shows a fit for ei-

ther of our suits, we would look for

The bidding has proceeded:

What do you bid now?

South West North East

three no trump.

you hold:

1 NT Pass

The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

We will not change what bas

welcoming banquet for Gabon

#### announces major Guatemala, Costa Rica, El Saivacabinet dor and Honduras - all U.S. allies — agreed at the meeting to Nicaraguan President changes Daniel Ortega to talks within 90

days in Esquipulas, Guatemala. One delegation leader at the BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) summit said Nicaragua's govern-. Vietnam on Tuesday announced ment clearly is considering sweeping changes in its key govcooperating with four neighbours ernment body, firing 13 ministers in achieving peace. and making 18 new appoint-

Hanoi

He noted that Nicaragua, which initially condemned Mon-The official Voice of Vietnam day's meeting as a gathering of "neo-colonies of the United said the almost total revamp of the council of ministers was de-States," said through its Vicetailed in a communique issued President Tuesday it would study Monday in Hanoi. the draft report. The changes came about two

months after Vietnam's top Com-Delegation members said some munist Party leaders resigned and of the pressure for the overture to Nicaragua came from Guatemathe all-powerful politburo was revamped. lan President Vinicio Cerezo, The top party leaders — Party General Secretary Truong Chinh, who refused to sign a document singling out Nicaragua as the ma-Prime Minister Pham Van Dong jor source of regional instability. and key polithuro member Le In a separate development a Duc Tho - stepped down during veteran U.S. diplomat said Monthe party's sixth congress as part day he was forced to resign from

the State Department hecause of of an apparent attempt to infuse uninstified allegations by the new blood into an aging, ineffecchief of the Latin American tive leadership. Initial indications were that the Affairs Bureau. Francis J. McNeil, 54, a formet ambassador to Costa Rica said ministerial changes announced Tuesday were part of the same

Assistant Secretary of State Ellioti Ahrams "suggested I was untrustworthy and, in effect, dis-Interviewed separately by the

NBC-TV Network and the Associated Press, Mr. McNeil said Mr. Ahrams accused him of undercutting the administration's, foreign policy by suggesting that the U.S.-backed Nicaraguan contra guerrillas were not doing well.

### Rotation of Italian premiers threatens stability

ROME (AP) - Three and a balf years of political stability under premier Bettino Craxi is being tested by wrangling over a proposed midterm rotation of premiers. A stalemate could lead to

early general elections.

Mr. Craxi, the nation's first Socialist premier, may give some indication of the future of Italy's

August 1983 makes him Italy's longest-servng premier since the end of World II, bas been credited with bringing political and economic stability to a country goverments and sickly econo-

willing to hononr an unwritten agreement to step down as pre-mier next month and band over

baton-passing, was reportedly part of the deal that allowed the resurrection of Craxi's five-party coalition on Aug. 1, five weeks after it collapsed as a result of feuding between Socialists and

Christian Democrats. According to the understand-ing. Mr. Craxi would step down sometime in March to devote himself to preparing the Socialists for the next parliamentary elec-tions in 1988. A Christian Democrat. presumably Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti, a former five-term premier, would lead the

the term. But hopes for an orderly transfer nf power have faded in recent weeks as the Socialists and

their hitter squahbling. Mr. Craxi has refused to guarantee that be will relinquish power. He has refused to say why. In return, Christian Democrats have attacked his performance and restated their claim to

Socialist Lahour Minister Gianni De Michelis announced he would leave the cabinet rather than stay in a government run by "lazy, slothful and resistant" Christian Democrats. Claudio Martelli, Mr. Craxi's

top aide, hlamed the Christian

not conflict-ridden," he said. The Christian Democrats, Italy's largest party, have about three times as many parliamentary seats as the Socialists. The other smaller parties in the coali-

als and Social Democrats. Political tensions also are running high over Mr. Craxi's recent proposal for direct presidential elections to replace the current

# Filipino rebels abduct villagers, kill leader

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A the village, about 320 kilometres force of about 120 rebels killed the top official of a remote community and then took the entire village hostage, the military said

The Philippine Constabulary said five other people were killed in separate attacks Monday by the Communist-dominated New People's Army (NPA) on Luzon and Panay islands.

The latest deaths brought to at least 50 the number of people killed in rebel attacks since a 60-day cease-fire with the government expired on Feb. 8. In a report to his superiors in

Manila, the provincial constabulary commander in Isabela said he sent troops backed by helicopters to the village of Bnbog, which was occupied Monday by some 120 rebels. The report said the rebels kil-

village or other details. Due to poor communications with the area, it was unclear would be whether the rebels remained in retaries.

north east of Manila, on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the Philippine Constabulary Information Office said another village official, two constabulary troopers and two policemen were killed Monday by rebels in the provinces of Zam-bales, Albay, Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur and Iloilo.

The rebels took the guns of the slain soldiers and policemen.

Meanwile President Corazon Aquino's office amounced Tuesday that Philippine ministries will be officially known as departments and ministers will be called

A statement said the president signed an administrative order Monday changing the designa-

The statement said the order was in keeping with the new constitution, formally implemented last week.

led the top village official and took the residents hostage. It did In the order, Mrs. Aquino not give the population of the said deputy ministers henceforth would be referred to as undersecretaries and assistant ministers would be designated assistant sec-

#### **Argentine courts rush to beat** deadline on new rights trials

BUENOS AIRES (R) - Argentine courts are working feverishly to investigate military officers accused of human rights violations as a deadline for most new rights trials loomed less than a week

away, court sources said. The surces said Monday the federal appeals court was in almost permanent hearings as it weighed evidence against at least 15 navy officers accused of human rights abuses during Argentina's former military govern-

Other courts around the country heard testimony in recent days from military officers accused of

dozens of rights abuses.
"This is a critical week. We trust the courts, and we expect them to call to trial those who if they have not should be called," said Simon court by Sunday.

Lazara, president of the Permanent Assembly for Human

Rights.
The alleged crimes, including murder and torture, date from Argentina's harsh, eight-year military regime.

A state investigation after the country returned to civilian government in 1983 reported that more than 9,000 people disappeared at the hands of security forces during the military rule.

Ten military men have been convicted so far for rights ahuses, including two former presidents.

But all legal action against military officers and civilians accused of rights abuses will be "extinguished," the new law says, if they have not been called to

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Arab states to supervise TV cartoons

KUWAIT (R) - Gulf Arab states have set np a joint committee to supervise the screening of childrens' television cartoons, the Kuwait News Agency KUNA reported. It said television directors of the seven-nation Arab Gulf joint production programme corporation have ended two-day talks with a recommendation to produce a special feature series for children aged six to ten years. It also named a three-man committee of officials from Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia to select suitable childrens' cartoons to be dubbed in Arabic for regional screening. Television officials from Bahrain, Iraq, Oman and the United Arab Emirates also attended the meeting.

#### TV reschedules Palme film

STOCKHOLM (R) - Swedish television has said it had postponed the showing of a controversial Soviet film on Prime Minister Olof Palme's assassination. The documentary "who murdered Olof Palme?" had been scheduled for screening on Feb. 27, the eve of the first anniversary of the death of Mr. Palme who was shot while walking home with his wife from a cinema. A swedish TV spokesman said the film would be shown shortly before midnight on March 6 "so as to give a better balance of programming on the anniversary." Mr. Palme's brother Claes last week appealed to Swedish TV not to show the film on the eve of the anniversary. The American embassy also protested on the grounds that the film suggested involvement by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency in Palme's murder.

#### Charles, Diana in Switzerland

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana have arrived en route to a winter vocation in the Swiss Alps. A four-engine plane piloted by Prince Charles brought the royal couple into Zurich International Airport from Toulouse, France, where they attended the unveiling of the latest jetliner by Airhus Industrie, the European aviation consortium, on Saturday. They switched to a car, driven by Charles, for the trip to the town of Klosters, some 150 kilometres south east of Zurich in Grisons Canton. Charles and Diana are expected to join Prince Andrew and his wife Sarah Ferguson, who have already been vacationing in Grisons for several days. Buckingham Palace in London refused to say how long the couples will stay in Switzerland.

#### 'Shanghai is slowly sinking'

PEKING (R) — Shanghai, China's largest city, is gradually sinking, an official Chinese newspaper reported. The Shanghai Evening News said the seaport slipped 4.2 millimetres (0.16 inch), mainly because of exploitation of underground water. If the city continued to sink at that rate it would be below sea level by the 26th century, the paper said.

## the party had been united eight years ago in opposing the "gang of four" radicals who virtually ran China during the chaotic Cultural Revolution between 1966 and

45th postwar government when he opens a key parliamentary dehate Wednesday on his government's policies and performance.

Mr. Craxi, wbose tenure since

Politicians will be looking for signs of whether Mr. Craxi is power to a Christian Democrat.

The so-called "staffetta," or

government for the remainder of

Christian Democrats resumed

the premier's office at Palazzo

Democrats for the stalemate.
"The rotation will happen if there is a solid majority, not torn,

tion are the Republicans, Liber-

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#### U.N. lists hundreds of arbitrary executions

transition. But the 80-year-old

Dong, who heads the council of

ministers, was not affected by the

changes, although be has express-

ed a desire to quit because of age

The major changes included

Vguyen Co Thach to become one

of the council's vice chairmen,

and the replacement of veteran

revolutionary Pham Hung with

Mai Chi Tho, a former mayor of

Ho Chi Minh City, as the power-

Both Mr. Thach and Mr. Tho.

along with several others in the

new lineup, are regarded as re-form-minded and more flexible

than the older hardliners who have spent half a century fighting

wars and leading revolutions.

Van Tien Dung, the architect of the final Communist victory

over South Vietnam in 1975, was

relieved of his post as defence

minister and replaced by Le Duc

Anh, the man credited for Viet-

nam's invasion of Kampuchea in

Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh, one of

the most prominent of the Viet

Cong leaders during the Vietnam

war, was dismissed as minister of

education.

the elevation of Foreign Minister

and failing health.

ful interior minister.

GENEVA (R) - The United Nations has reported bundreds of arbitrary executions around the world last year, many of them in Brazil, Iran, Liberia and Sri

The report submitted by a U.N. special rapporteur, Kenya's S. Amos Wako, to the 43-nation U.N. Human Rights Commission, covered killings in civil wars, deaths in custody and through the illegal use of force by law enforcement agents.

Mr. Wako hlamed "a fun-

damental absence of understanding and respect for the right to life among those responsible for the direction of military operations in such conflicts."

He said he had written to the Iranian government about several bundred persons reported to have been executed, many secretly, in various parts of the country during the second half of 1985 and early 1986.

Tehran had not yet commented on the alleged executions, often said to have been carried out by prison guards, he said.

executed without trial, others at demonstrations or as a result of torture by security forces.

written to Liberia about the deaths of some 600 persons by government forces without legal proceedings after an attempted coup last year.
"The victims were mostly inno-

cent civilians, hut included some alleged that the killings had in some cases been accompanied by acts of savage hrutality, including castration, mutilation and dismemberment."

has raged for four years between government forces and Tamil separatists, the toll was high, Mr.

A government official had in-formed the special rapporteur that 221 members of the security forces and 638 civilians were killed in the first 11 months of 1986.

to a governmental report that 125 rural workers were killed between January and mid-June 1986 in disputes over land ownership, many by bired bands. The government has yet to reply to his system of parliamentary vote. | letter of inquiry, he added.

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